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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR THE SANDIA CANYON PHASE II
INVESTIGATION REPORT
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-09-079**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension for the Sandia Canyon Phase II Investigation Report* (Request) dated April 27, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0104.

The Permittees request an extension of the submittal date for the Sandia Canyon Phase II Investigation Report (Phase II IR) from July 31, 2012 to September 30, 2012. The Permittees state in the Request that the extension will allow them to obtain additional analytical data from recently installed groundwater monitoring wells R-61 and R-62, and to incorporate that data in the Phase II IR. The additional data will result in a more refined conceptual model and improve the understanding of the nature and extent of contamination beneath Sandia and Mortandad Canyons. The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. NMED therefore grants the extension. The Permittees must submit the Phase II IR no later than **September 30, 2012**.

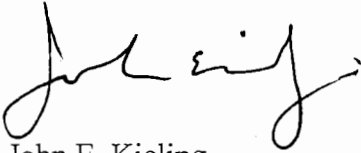
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Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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