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Subject: Request for Extension to Complete the Work Plan for the Replacement of Regional Well R-61

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension to September 30, 2013, from the date of June 14, 2013, to submit a work plan to replace regional well R-61. The basis for the extension request is to allow Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) additional time to assess the results of the recently completed extended purge test at R-61, pursuant to the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) email approval dated, April 24, 2013. The purge test was designed to collect supplemental data regarding the well's ability to provide representative data in support of the chromium investigation.

The Laboratory will present the results of the extended purge test to NMED in a report by September 15, 2013, which will include recommendations regarding whether or not the well should be replaced. If R-61 does not provide representative groundwater samples for chromium, the Laboratory will also submit a work plan for the replacement well at its current location or a proposed alternative location by September 30, 2013.

The U.S. Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Security, LLC, request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Paris at (505) 606-0915 (smparis@lanl.gov) or Hai Shen at (505) 665-5046 (hai.shen@nnsa.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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