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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

May 3, 2016

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**RE: APPROVAL  
REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO CONDUCT PUMPING TESTS AT CrEX-1  
AND CrEX-3  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID#NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-15-036**

Dear Messrs. Hintze and Brandt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for an Extension to Conduct Pumping Tests at CrEX-1 and CrEX-3* (Request), dated April 20, 2016 and referenced by ADESH-16-059.

The Permittees request a one-month extension to start long-term pumping of chromium extraction wells CrEX-1 and CrEX-3 in order to secure a required regulatory approval from the NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau.

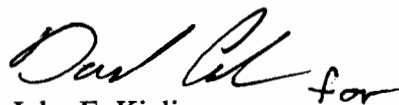
NMED hereby grants the requested extension. The Permittees must begin the long-term pumping of CrEX-1 and CrEX-3 no later than **June 1, 2016**, as requested.



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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Kieling" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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