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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO CONSENT ORDER DUE DATES FOR PAJARITO CANYON AND SANDIA CANYON INVESTIGATION REPORTS

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

As described in the letter to NMED dated January 22, 2007, the Laboratory has proposed that ongoing investigations of chromium contamination are most efficiently addressed through implementation of the investigation of Sandia Canyon as described in the "Work Plan for Sandia Canyon and Canada del Buey" (LA-UR-99-3610) and the addendum submitted to NMED on January 30, 2007. This has led to an acceleration of the Consent Order work for the Sandia watershed in order to provide important and timely results for the chromium investigation.

Pursuant to requests from the NMED to accelerate the Sandia Canyon investigation, the Laboratory is proposing an earlier delivery date for the Investigation Report for Sandia Canyon. The current date in the Consent Order is August 31, 2009 and the proposed accelerated date is December 15, 2008. This date allows for full implementation of the investigation scope in the work plan and addendum, the biota investigation, and additional scope that might be driven by the results of the current phase of the investigation. In addition, several deliverables will be submitted to NMED on September 14, 2007 that will represent an interim update on the work being implemented in Sandia Canyon.

As a result of the acceleration of the Sandia Canyon work, the Laboratory is requesting that the Consent Order due date for the Pajarito Canyon Investigation Report be changed from February 28, 2008 to September 30, 2008. These adjusted dates would allow for available resources in FY07 to be redirected from the Pajarito Canyon investigation into the Sandia Canyon investigation with only a seven month delay in the submittal of the Pajarito Investigation Report.



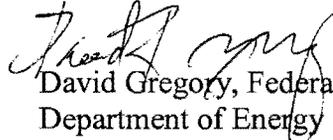
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