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RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST FOR COMPLETION OF R-62 AND SCI-3
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
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Dear Messrs. Rael 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 Completion of R-62 and SCI-3 (Request) dated June 9, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0214.

The Permittees state in the Request that an unanticipated nationwide backlog in the availability of appropriate drilling equipment is causing a delay in the commencement of drilling wells R-62 and SCI-3. The Permittees state that the delay will not affect their ability to collect and analyze three quarters of water-quality data from these wells for the Sandia Canyon Phase II Investigation Report. The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. The Permittees must complete well R-62 no later than August 19, 2011 and well SCI-3 no later than August 30, 2011.
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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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