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**RE: APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION REQUEST
PAJARITO CANYON INVESTIGATION REPORT (PCIR)
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-08-035**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Request for Extension of Due Date for Pajarito Canyon Investigation Report, Revision 1* (Request), dated February 26, 2009, received on February 27, 2009 and referenced by EP2009-0128.

The Permittees' request is based on the need to incorporate new hydrogeologic information from wells currently under construction in Technical Area (TA) 54 and that will be installed in Pajarito Canyon in response to Specific Comment Number 4 of the PCIR NOD. The new information must be presented in the Revised PCIR and will also be helpful to the Permittees and NMED in reaching future decisions on corrective measures projects at TA-54.

NMED has reviewed the Request, and finds that the Permittees have shown good cause for the requested extension. NMED hereby approves an extension to April 30, 2009 for submittal of the Permittees' draft response to the Notice of Disapproval and submittal of

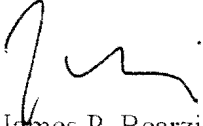


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the final response and the revised PCIR to August 31, 2009. The Notice Date is hereby extended to November 30, 2009.

Please contact Daniel Comeau at (505) 476-6043, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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