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August 8, 2011

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RE: APPROVAL EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR WATER CANYON AND CAÑON DE VALLE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID #NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-MISC

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) Request for Extension to Submit the Investigation Report for Water Canyon and Cañon de Valle (Request), dated August 3, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0262. NMED hereby issues this Approval for the Request.

The Request was submitted pursuant to Section III.J.2 of the 2005 Consent Order, Provisions Governing Extensions of Time. The Permittees were granted an extension on July 28, 2011, of 11-business days due to the Los Conchas Wildfire, in accordance with Section III.H.3 of the Consent Order. The submittal date for investigation report for Water Canyon and Cañon de Valle was extended from August 31, 2011 to September 14, 2011 due to the force majeure event.

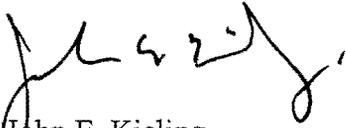
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The Permittees are requesting additional 14-day extension for submittal of this investigation report. One of the reasons given is redeployment of their technical staff to fire response activities, including support to the Burn Area Emergency Response Team for evaluating post-fire flood potential at and around Los Alamos National Laboratory and setting up a post-fire monitoring program. In addition, the Permittees would like additional time to incorporate data, received from NMED on August 2, 2011, for wells located in Water Canyon and Cañon de Valle in the investigation report.

The Permittees have shown good cause and NMED approves the Request. The investigation report must be submitted no later than **September 30, 2011**. Please contact Neelam Dhawan of my staff at (505) 476-6042 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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