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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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**RE: EXTENSION REQUEST
TO SUBMIT THE WORK PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIONS IN
POTRILLO AND FENCE CANYONS
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890018
HWB-LANL-11-043**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Mousseau:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension to Submit the Work Plan for additional Investigations in Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area*, dated January 27, 2014 and referenced by EP2014-0034.

The Permittees request the extension to submit the work plan for additional investigations in Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area from February 15, 2014 to June 30, 2014, due to the need to focus efforts on shipment of aboveground transuranic (TRU) waste from Technical Area (TA) 54 to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

NMED contacted the Permittees on January 30, 2014 to advise them that a third



extension request had already been approved for the submittal of the Phase II Investigation Work Plan for Potrillo and Fence Canyon Aggregate Area on November 5, 2013, that changed the submittal date from September 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014. On January 31, 2014, the Permittees notified NMED via electronic mail that the use of words "Aggregate Area" in the extension request was an inadvertent error. The extension request was intended for submittal of the work plan for additional investigation of Potrillo and Fence Canyons, and not the Aggregate Area. The submittal date for the work plan for additional investigation of Potrillo and Fence Canyons has been changed from February 15, 2014 to **June 30, 2014**, as requested.

NMED is concerned over delays that affect the progress of corrective action; however, NMED understands the ongoing issues related to the allocation of DOE resources to Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C., to fund corrective action at the laboratory. The Permittees must notify NMED, within seven days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow for the work plan to be submitted prior to June 30, 2014. If funding becomes available, NMED may re-evaluate the deadline for completion of this project.

Please contact Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6055 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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