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*10th business day = 11/23
 (would be the 22nd but vet a day holiday start)*

Subject: Request for Extension for the Response to Notice of Disapproval for Upper Water Canyon Aggregate Area Investigation Work Plan and Revision 1

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are in receipt of the notice of disapproval (NOD) for the Upper Water Canyon Aggregate Area Investigation Work Plan, dated October 26, 2010. The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of the November 26, 2010, deadline specified in the NOD to submit a response to the NOD and a revised investigation work plan.

The NOD contains specific comments that request changes to proposed sampling approaches (i.e., proposed numbers and locations of samples and analytical suites) at approximately 25 sites. These changes will require additional evaluation of existing data as well as substantial revisions to text, figures, and tables in the work plan. In addition, NMED has requested LANS and DOE to determine whether additional historical information is available for several sites, which will require conducting research. LANS and DOE estimate responding to these comments and making the corresponding revisions to the investigation work plan will require more than the 31 days specified in the NOD. LANS and DOE, therefore, request an extension of 49 days, to January 14, 2011, to submit the response to the NOD and the revised work plan.

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Suzy Schulman (505) 606-1962 (sschulman@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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