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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SECOND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO SUBMIT
THE INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR CONSOLIDATED UNITS 16-
007(a)-99 AND 16-008(a)-99 TECHNICAL AREA-16 PONDS
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID No: NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-05-004**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (collectively, the Permittees) *Request for Extension to Submit Investigation Report for Consolidated Units 16-007(a)-99 and 16-008(a)-99 Technical Area-16 Ponds*, dated July 6, 2007 and referenced by EP2007-0428.

The Investigation Work Plan for consolidated units 16-007(a)-99 and 16-008(a)-99 required the Permittees to drill exploratory boreholes in the 90s Line Pond (Pond). Because of the standing water in the Pond, the Permittees requested an extension for submittal of the Investigation Report, approved by NMED in December, 2006. The Permittees anticipated that the Pond would become dry enough to allow access for drilling in early summer of 2007, but unusually high winter snowfall and subsequent rainfall during the month of May resulted in standing water in the Pond into the months of June and July, preventing the drilling of the boreholes as planned. The water in the Pond is continuing to evaporate and the Permittees anticipate that drilling can be completed before the onset of the summer monsoon.



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The Permittees have therefore requested 45-day extension for submittal of the investigation report that was due on September 30, 2007. NMED hereby grants the extension request for the submittal of the Investigation Report by November 15, 2007. If the Permittees are not able to complete drilling before the onset of the summer rains, the Permittees must discuss an alternative approach with NMED.

Please contact Neelam Dhawan of my staff at (505) 476-6040 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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