



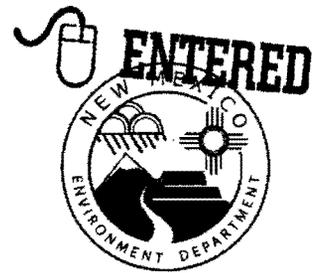
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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST
REGIONAL AQUIFER WELL R-25r (R-63) COMPLETION
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-GW-MISC**

Dear Messrs Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document *Request for Extension to Complete Regional Aquifer Well R-25r(R-63)* (Request) dated December 10, 2010 and referenced by EP2010-0553.

The Permittees request that the completion of regional well R-63 be extended from the original "NMED complete" due date of December 31, 2010 to February 28, 2011. The Permittees' justification for postponing the completion of well R-63 is attributable to a shortage of drill rigs due to additional well installation requirements at Material Disposal Area C and delays in mobilization activities specific to restricted access conditions at the Technical Area 16 Burning Grounds.

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The Permittees have shown good cause for the requested time extension. NMED hereby grants the Permittees an extension to complete regional well R-63 from December 31, 2010 to February 28, 2011.

If you have any questions regarding this extension approval, please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673.

Sincerely,



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