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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Well Evaluation and Network Recommendations Study Report for Technical Area 16 and Upper Water Canyon Watershed

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension from the January 3, 2012, date to submit a well evaluation and network recommendations study report for Technical Area 16 (TA-16) and Upper Water Canyon Watershed (the TA-16 Network Evaluation) to a new date of March 30, 2012. This new date was developed to support the mutual goal of environmental risk reduction and groundwater protection.

The last several months have been dedicated to prioritizing fiscal year (FY) 2012 work to support acceleration of aboveground transuranic waste shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. In the course of realigning the FY2012 work scope, the schedule for completing the TA-16 Network Evaluation was impacted. Once the FY2012 work scope was resolved, the Laboratory adjusted its staffing resources to support completion of the TA-16 Network Evaluation. The TA-16 Network Evaluation requires extensive analysis of groundwater monitoring data and source terms in the TA-16 area and groundwater modeling. The impact of the delays associated with determining the FY2012 scope and the scope of the TA-16 Network Evaluation resulted in a 3-mo delay of this analysis.

Based on the above rationale, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) request a 3-mo extension to submit the TA-16 Network Evaluation. DOE/LANS request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent.

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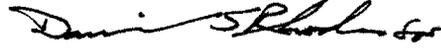
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