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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 9, 2012

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**RE: EXTENSION REQUEST FOR THE  
TRACER TEST AT CONSOLIDATED UNIT 16-021(c)-99  
TECHNICAL AREA 16  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID#NM0890018  
HWB-LANL-12-005**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Graham:

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 for the Tracer Test at Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99, Technical Area 16 (Test)* dated July 31, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0167.

The Permittees request the extension to submit the results of laboratory column testing and the list of tracer compounds and to deploy the tracers due to the need to focus on removal of transuranic (TRU) waste from Technical Area (TA) 54 to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, located in Eddy County, New Mexico.

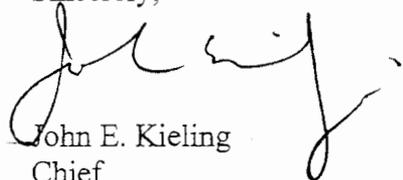


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The submittal date for the summary of the results of the laboratory column testing and the list of tracer compounds has been changed from August 31, 2012 to **November 30, 2012** and the date for deployment of the tracers and the associated notification to NMED has been changed from October 15, 2012 to **January 27, 2013**, as requested. The Permittees must notify NMED, within 30 days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow for the dates listed above to be submitted prior to the newly established submittal dates.

Please contact Dave Cobrain at (505) 476-6055 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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