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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

November 20, 2012

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**RE: EXTENSION REQUEST TO OBTAIN PERMITS AND  
DEPLOY TRACERS FOR THE TRACER TEST AT  
CONSOLIDATED UNIT 16-021(c)-99  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID#NM0890018  
HWB-LANL-12-005**

Dear Messrs. Maggioro and Mousseau:

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 to Obtain Permits and Deploy Tracers for the Tracer Test at Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99 (Deployment)* dated November 5, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0233.

The Permittees request the extension to obtain permits and complete the Deployment at Technical Area 16 due to their re-allocation of resources to the shipment of transuranic (TRU) waste stored at Technical Area (TA) 54 to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, located in Eddy County, New Mexico and due to uncertainties in funding levels for the current federal fiscal year (FFY13). The completion date for the Deployment has been changed from January 27, 2013 to **May 30, 2013**, as requested.

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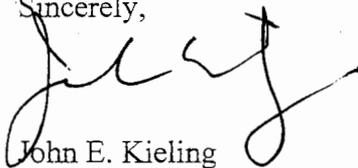


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NMED is concerned over delays that affect the progress of corrective action; however, NMED understands the current uncertainties associated with the allocation of DOE resources to LANS to fund corrective action at the laboratory. The Permittees must notify NMED, within seven days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow for the Deployment to be completed prior to May 30, 2013. If funding becomes available, NMED may re-evaluate the deadline for completion of this project.

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

Sincerely,



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