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**Subject: Request for Extension for the Permits and Tracer Deployment for Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99 [Including R-25b and CdV-16-1(i)]**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension from the May 30, 2013, date to submit permits and deploy tracers at Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99, specifically at R-25b and CdV-16-1(i), to a new date of March 31, 2014. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent.

DOE/LANS request this extension to continue focusing efforts on accelerating the shipment of aboveground transuranic (TRU) waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory's Technical Area 54, Area G, to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). This focus will result in a material reduction of environmental risk. This acceleration of TRU waste shipments will also allow DOE/LANS to support the environmental priorities established by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the State of New Mexico. Deferral of the tracer deployment will not significantly impact successor activities or deliverables associated with groundwater protection.

These new dates are the result of the impacts of sequestration-level funding for the remainder of fiscal year 2013. This new date assumes additional funding will be available beginning January 1, 2014, to support the completion of this work by March 31, 2014. Should funding become available, we will work with your office to identify and prioritize projects that could be completed under the new funding scenario.



If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Cheryl Rodriguez at (505) 665-5330 (cheryl.rodriguez@nnsa.doe.gov).

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