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Subject: Request for Extension to Complete Installation of Well R-63i

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension from the September 30, 2013, date to complete the installation of well R-63i to a new date of November 29, 2013. Based on this revised completion date, the summary fact sheet will be submitted by December 31, 2013, the well will be developed by December 31, 2013, and the well completion report will be submitted by April 30, 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 and the State of New Mexico. These new dates are the result of the impacts of sequestration-level funding for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2013 and anticipated priorities in FY2014.

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Hai Shen at (505) 665-5046 (hai.shen@nnsa.doe.gov).

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