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a letter for my
signature - Jody*

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Mr. Benito Garcia, Bureau Chief
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
2044 Galisteo Street, Building A
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Subject: Request for Extension of the Temporary Authorization for TA-16-388

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of the temporary authorization for the TA-16-388 open burn operation. The extension is allowed under 270.42(e) of the State's hazardous waste regulations. If approved, the extension would be for an additional 180 days. The extension is necessary to continue operations at this site and support the closure of the Material Disposal Area P.

At our last monthly meeting with members of your staff, we discussed this issue and John Kieling indicated the extension request was expected and he did not see any problem with it being granted. We anticipate that NMED's review of our permit application will be complete and that this chapter of the permit will be issued prior to the expiration of the extension.

Should you have any questions concerning this issue, please feel free to contact either me at (505) 665-5042 or Jack Ellvinger with the University of California at (505) 667-0633.

Sincerely,

H. L. "Jody" Plum
Office of Environment

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