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SUBJECT: Request for an Extension for Technical Area 16 Closure Plan for the TA-16-401 and -406 Sand Filters due to Laboratory Stand Down

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Due to the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) stand down, the closure of the TA-16-401 and -406 sand filters is running behind schedule. Prior to the stand down, the sand and firebrick were analyzed in accordance with the closure plan and found to be non-hazardous. The soil, gravel, and firebrick were removed from TA-16-401 and the vessel was thickness tested; no leaks were found. We expect to resume closure operations soon, with an estimated four-month delay due to the shutdown. Additional delays are expected due to inclement winter weather. Therefore, please consider this request to extend the required completion date of the closure until June 2005, with the understanding that every effort will be made to work diligently to complete the closure before then, if possible.

We appreciate your assistance. If you have any comments or questions regarding the schedule, please contact either Tony Grieggs at (505) 665-0451 or Ann Sherrard at (505) 665-7226.

Sincerely,

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