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December 6, 2004

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**RE: APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL AREA 16
CLOSURE PLAN FOR THE TA-16-401 AND -406 SAND FILTERS
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-03-004**

Dear Messrs. Nanos and Wilmot:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received and reviewed the U. S. Department of Energy and the University of California (Permittees) Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL's) letter dated November 16, 2004 (ENV-SWRC:04-083). The subject of the letter was to request a time extension to the closure schedule of the Technical Area (TA) 16-401 and -406 closure plan. The reasons given for the request were the recent LANL stand down and additional delays expected because of inclement winter weather.

NMED approves the time extension request and requires all necessary closure activities, as outlined in Table 1 of Permittees' previously revised schedule dated April 20, 2004, be completed by June 1, 2005.

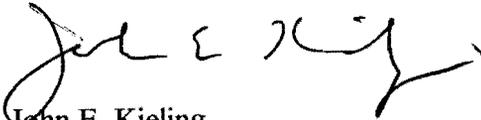


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Should you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Lee Winn of my staff at (505) 428-2541.

Sincerely,



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