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**CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

December 5, 2006

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION ON DELIVERY OF INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR TA-16 PONDS-CONSOLIDATED UNITS 16-007(a)-99 (30s LINE) AND 16-008(a)-99 (90s LINE) LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID No: NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-05-004**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (collectively, the Permittees) request for extension of the delivery date for submittal of the Investigation Report (IR) for consolidated units 16-007(a)-99 and 16-008(a)-99, dated November 28, 2006 and referenced by EP2006-1005.

Currently, there is standing water in the 90s Line Pond at TA-16 making drilling of exploratory borings difficult. The Permittees presented various options to proceed with the drilling of proposed boreholes at a meeting with NMED on November 8, 2006. Since the Pond typically dries in late spring, NMED concurs with the option of waiting until the water in the pond evaporates prior to drilling. The Permittees anticipate that drilling activities will start in early summer 2007. NMED hereby grants the extension request for the submittal of IR on September 30, 2007 instead of June 2007. If the Pond does not dry up as expected, the Permittees must meet with the NMED staff to discuss alternative approaches.

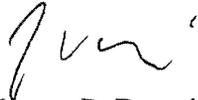


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Please contact Neelam Dhawan of my staff at (505) 428-2540 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Hazardous Waste Bureau

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Attachment

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