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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Response to the Notice of Disapproval for the Lower Pajarito Canyon Aggregate Area Investigation Work Plan

Reference: Letter, Mr. Bearzi to Messrs. Rael and Graham, dated 10/07/10

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are in receipt of the notice of disapproval (NOD) for the Lower Pajarito Canyon Aggregate Area investigation work plan, dated October 7, 2010, and received on October 12, 2010. The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the November 5, 2010, deadline specified in the NOD to submit a response to the NOD and a revised investigation work plan. This proposal for an extension was discussed with Mr. Dan Comeau of your staff via telephone on October 14, 2010.

As discussed with Mr. Comeau, the NOD contains a number of technical comments, including those related to deep borehole investigations, that will require revisions to the technical approach presented in the work plan. The NOD also requires revising a large number of the figures presented in the work plan to include additional information requested by the New Mexico Environment Department. Based on the extent of the comments requiring a response and the effort required to respond to these comments, the Laboratory requests a 2-week extension, to November 19, 2010, to submit the NOD response and the revised work plan.

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Ed Worth at (505) 606-0398 (eworth@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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