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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

November 3, 2010

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**RE: APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION REQUEST  
NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL RESPONSE  
LOWER PAJARITO CANYON AGGREGATE AREA  
INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-10-052**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Request for Extension to Submit the Response to the Notice of Disapproval for the Lower Pajarito Canyon Aggregate Area Investigation Work Plan* (Request), dated October 21, 2010 and referenced by EP2010-0492.

In the Request, the Permittees indicated that a substantial effort will be required to prepare revisions to the technical approach presented in the Investigation Work Plan (IWP), including those related to deep subsurface investigations not originally contemplated in the IWP. The response will also require revising a large number of the

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IWP figures to include information required by NMED.

The Permittees have shown good cause for approving the extension and NMED hereby grants the Permittees an extension to **November 19, 2010** to prepare and submit responses to the October 7, 2010 Notice of Disapproval and a revised IWP.

If you have any questions regarding this extension approval, please contact Daniel Comeau at (505) 476-6043.

Sincerely,



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