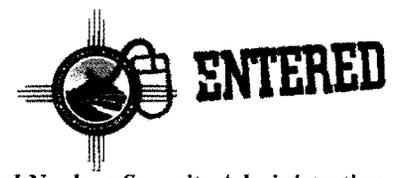


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Subject: Request for Extension of Time for Submittal of Revised Phase II Investigation/Remediation Work Plan for Material Disposal Area A and Associated Response to Comments from Notice of Disapproval, Dated July 28, 2009, Solid Waste Management Unit 21-014, at Technical Area 21

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

This letter requests a 30-day extension from August 31, 2009, to September 30, 2009, to respond to comments and revise the work plan as required in the "Notice of Disapproval Phase II Investigation/Remediation Work Plan for Material Disposal Area A, Solid Waste Management Unit 21-014, at Technical Area 21." The additional time is necessary for Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) to evaluate the effectiveness of the direct-push technology at Material Disposal Area (MDA) B before proposing its use at MDA A. The extension will also allow the Laboratory to evaluate the cost and schedule impacts of meeting residential instead of industrial cleanup levels, revise the work plan regarding fill material meeting residential soil screening levels and screening action levels, identify alternatives if cleanup standards cannot be met, and revise the associated schedule and cost estimates.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Wedgeworth at (505) 231-0108 (brucew@lanl.gov) or Edwin Worth at (505) 606-0398 (eworth@doeal.gov).

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