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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR THE REVISED PHASE II
INVESTIGATION/REMEDATION WORK PLAN FOR
MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA A, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
UNIT 21-014, AT TECHNICAL AREA 21
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL),
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-09-028**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

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 an Extension of Time for the 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* (Request), dated August 13, 2009 and referenced by EP2009-0386.

The Permittees state in the Request that more time is needed to evaluate the use of the direct-push method of investigation, currently being conducted at MDA B, and to assess its effectiveness. NMED continues to have reservations regarding the use of direct-push technology for purposes of characterizing landfill contents. It is, therefore, appropriate to assess the effectiveness of the method at MDA B before employing it at other sites.



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The Permittees have therefore shown good cause for an extension and NMED grants the requested extension. The revised Investigation/Remediation Work Plan must be submitted no later than September 30, 2009.

Please contact Kristen Van Horn of my staff at (505) 476-6046 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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