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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 8, 2011

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**RE: APPROVAL  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION  
INVESTIGATION/REMEDIATION REPORT FOR  
MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA B  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-06-007**

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 of Date for Submittal of Material Disposal Area B Investigation/Remediation Report* (Request), dated September 1, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0302. The Permittees assert that a zone of elevated radioactive contamination was encountered in the Enclosure 1 excavation area, which has significantly reduced excavation rates based on DOE's total radiological material at risk requirements. The Permittees are unable to achieve the anticipated completion date for waste removal due to the reduced pace of excavation. NMED finds this to be good cause for the requested extension.

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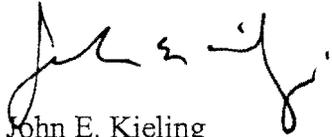


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NMED hereby grants the requested extension. The Investigation/Remediation Report for Material Disposal Area B must be submitted to NMED no later than **October 31, 2011**.

Please contact Ben Wear at (505) 476-6041 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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