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Subject: Request for Extension for Water Application to Bermed Area and the Installation and Instrumentation of Six Boreholes at Technical Area 21 for Vadose Zone Moisture Monitoring

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension from the January 31, 2012 and July 31, 2012, dates for completion of water application to bermed area and the installation and instrumentation of six boreholes at Technical Area 21 (TA-21) for vadose zone moisture monitoring to new dates of January 31, 2014, and July 31, 2014, respectively. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, request this extension in order to focus efforts on accelerating the shipment of aboveground transuranic (TRU) waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory's Technical Area 54, Area G, to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. This focus will result in a material reduction of environmental risk. This acceleration of TRU waste shipments will also allow DOE/LANS to support the environmental priorities established by the New Mexico Environment Department and the State of New Mexico.

These new dates to complete water application to bermed area and the installation and instrumentation of six boreholes at TA-21 for vadose zone moisture monitoring were developed to support the mutual goal of environmental risk reduction. DOE/LANS request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent.



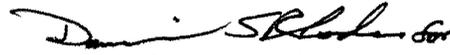
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