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**RE: APPROVAL**  
**EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE DP WEST**  
**BUILDINGS 21-005 AND 21-150 BUILDING**  
**FOOTPRINT LETTER WORK PLANS**  
**LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY**  
**EPA ID#NM0890010515**  
**HWB-LANL-11-033**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension to Submit the DP West Buildings 21-005 and 21-150 Building Footprint Work Plans* (Request) dated November 17, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0394.

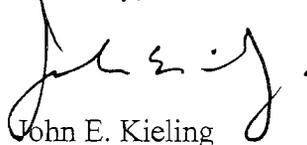
The Permittees request the extension to submit the letter work plans for Buildings 21-005 and 21-150 at Technical Area (TA) 21 due to the need to focus on removal of transuranic (TRU) waste from TA-54 to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, located in Eddy County, New Mexico. The need to remove TRU waste stored at TA-54 is aligned with Governor Martinez' policy to prioritize groundwater and surface water protection and accelerate the removal of TRU waste stored at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

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The Permittees stated cause for the requested time extension is acceptable. The submittal of the DP West Buildings 21-005 and 21-150 building footprint letter work plans is hereby postponed from May 15, 2012 to **May 15, 2014**, as requested. NMED may re-evaluate the need for this extension based on the Permittees' progress in accelerating the removal of TRU waste from TA-54 or if new information arises that indicates that contaminant concentrations are increasing in the subsurface beneath TA-21. The Permittees must notify NMED, within 30 days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow the building footprint work plans to be completed prior to May 15, 2014.

Please contact Dave Cobrain at (505) 476-6055 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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