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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, 2014, date for completion of water application to bermed area at Technical Area 21 (TA-21) for vadose zone moisture monitoring to a new date of June 30, 2014. The installation and instrumentation of 6 boreholes will be completed 6 months after this revised date. The U.S. Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Security, LLC (DOE/LANS) request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent.

DOE/LANS request this extension to continue focusing efforts on accelerating the shipment of aboveground transuranic (TRU) waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory's TA-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 (NMED) and the state of New Mexico.

This new date is the result of the impacts of sequestration-level funding for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2014. Although this work is not currently funded in FY2014, per discussions with NMED, DOE/LANS are requesting an extension only until June 30, 2014. DOE/LANS anticipate that before June 30, 2014, an additional extension request will be submitted with a revised date based on NMED priorities, funding constraints, and adequate time to complete the work. Additionally, should funding become available, DOE/LANS will work with NMED to identify and prioritize projects that could be completed under the new funding scenario.

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If you have any questions, please contact Stephani Swickley at (505) 606-1628 (sfuller@lanl.gov) or David Rhodes at (505) 665-5325 (david.rhodes@nnsa.doe.gov).

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