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**Subject: Request for Extension for the Response to Notice of Disapproval for the Investigation Work Plan for North Ancho Canyon Aggregate Area**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) have received the "Notice of Disapproval (NOD) for the Investigation Work Plan for North Ancho Canyon Aggregate Area," dated October 30, 2007. In this NOD, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) requested that sites proposed by LANS to be deferred from the work plan at this time be included in the current proposed investigation. LANS initially proposed deferring some site investigations, which were impacted as a result of active operations. The NOD also requests that a revised work plan be developed to include those sites and be submitted by December 1, 2007.

A strategy to include and sample these previously excluded sites was developed with NMED personnel during a meeting held in the morning of November 6, 2007. Based on these discussions, LANS and DOE believe that we have a path forward to meet NMED's request. To adequately prepare and present a sampling design that is technically defensible, we respectfully request an extension of two additional weeks to submit the revised plan, thus extending the due date for the response to December 15, 2007. This extension proposal was discussed with David Cobrain and Kathryn Roberts of your staff.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have questions, please call John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or David Gregory at (505) 667-5808 (dgregory@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,



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