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RE: APPROVAL REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO COMPLETE THE NORTH ANCHO AGGREGATE AREA INVESTIGATION REPORT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL) EPA ID #NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-07-028

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

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 to Complete the North Ancho Canyon Aggregate Area Investigation Report (Report), dated June 12, 2009, received on June 18, 2009 and referenced by EP2009-0284.

The Permittees have stated in their request that "three significant changes in field conditions occurred resulting in impacts to the project's schedule of completion." The discovery of unknown liquids in bottles at Material Disposal Area (MDA) Y resulted in work being stopped so that the Permittees' Emergency Management and Response (EM&R) group could remove the bottles. The discovery of active utilities overlying solid waste management unit (SWMU) 39-006(a) (septic tank portion) resulted in delays to ensure communication and sewer lines were not damaged and service to the facilities at Technical Area (TA) 39 was not interrupted. Finally, the volume of waste removed from



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the pits at MDA Y and the depth of the excavation was more extensive than anticipated, requiring extra time for the excavator to perform benching to access some of the waste. Due to the changes in field conditions referenced above, the Permittees have requested a two-month extension for submittal of the Report.

The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. NMED therefore grants the extension; the Report must be submitted no later than September 30, 2009.

Please contact Kathryn Roberts of my staff at (505) 476-6041 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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