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March 14, 2003

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**SUBJECT: EXTENSION REQUEST FOR THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
UNIT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED  
SWMU 48-012 AT TECHNICAL AREA 48  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, NM0890010515**

Dear Dr. Browne and Mr. Trollinger:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (Permittees) letter of February 19, 2003 (ER2003-0156) letter detailing reasons for a time extension request for the aforementioned document to May 30, 2003. Section G.5 of the Permittees Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit states that a SWMU Assessment Report is due to the Administrative Authority no later than 60 days from completion of work.

The NMED was notified that fieldwork was completed by the Permittees in a October 4, 2002 (ER2002-0716) letter to NMED. Therefore, a SWMU Assessment Report would have been due on December 4, 2002. A previous extension request, dated January 16, 2003 (ER2003-0042), proposed May 30, 2003 for delivering a Voluntary Corrective Action (VCA) Completion Report for the newly identified SWMU 48-012 at Technical Area 48 to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The NMED granted a time extension of March 31, 2003 for receipt of the



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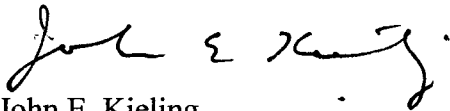
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VCA Completion Report in lieu of a SWMU Assessment Report. The previous extension of 30 days provided by the NMED is ample time to submit the Report.

NMED hereby denies the time extension request, the extension for submission of the VCA Completion Report is due March 31, 2003. Failure to submit the VCA Completion Report on or before March 31, 2003 may result in initiation of a formal enforcement action.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Lee Winn at (505) 428-2541.

Sincerely,



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