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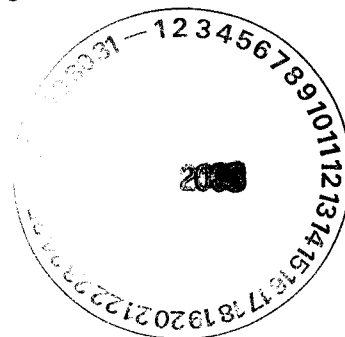
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**SUBJECT: EXTENSION FOR THE VOLUNTARY CORRECTIVE ACTION (VCA)
COMPLETION REPORT FOR POTENTIAL RELEASE SITE (PRS) 48-012 AT
TECHNICAL AREA (TA) 48, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL)**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter is in response to your March 14, 2003 letter denying the request for extension for the VCA Completion Report for PRS 48-012 at TA 48.

On February 19, 2003 we sent a request for an extension for the submission of the VCA Completion Report. The letter contains considerable detail explaining why there were justifiable delays and assured New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) that the site had been fully remediated. In addition, LANL/Department of Energy (DOE) explained that the VCA Completion Report provides data and information well beyond what is required of a Solid Waste Management Unit assessment report. The level of detail given in this request was largely a result of a conversation between John Young and David Gregory on or about February 13, 2003. Based on the February 13 conversation, we believed that the significant and permanent change in business practices that evolved as a result of this incident, and as discussed with Mr. Young, was justification for NMED to grant an extension, and therefore we were very surprised that the request for extension was denied. The fact remains that LANL/DOE are unable to deliver the document in the timeframe upon which you insist.

For your information, we have attached a table listing the analytical results of confirmatory soil sampling done following excavation and disposal of contaminated soils at the site. The only compounds included in the table are the contaminants of concern (COCs). These COCs were identified in a facsimile transmitted to your office on September 12, 2002. The data in this attachment shows that no residual contamination remains at this site.



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The VCA Completion Report, which will be delivered to you by May 30, 2003, will detail the cleanup that was completed at the site and will document that there is no remaining risk to human health and the environment from the contamination that was encountered at the site in August of 2002.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabriela Lopez-Escobedo at (505) 665-7352.

Sincerely,

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for David McInroy, Acting Program Manager
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David Gregory, Acting Project Manager
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Enclosed attachment: Results of Site Cleanup Confirmation Samples for PRS48-012

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Results of Site Cleanup Confirmation Samples for PRS 48-012

Sample	Matrix	Analyte	Result	Detection Limit	Units
RE48-02-49520	Soil	1,2,4-Trimethybenzene	ND*	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49520	Soil	1,3,5-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49520	Soil	Naphthalene	ND	0.03	mg/kg
RE48-02-49521	Soil	1,2,4-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49521	Soil	1,3,5-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49521	Soil	Naphthalene	11.0	0.03	mg/kg
RE48-02-49522	Soil	1,2,4-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49522	Soil	1,3,5-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49522	Soil	Naphthalene	ND	0.03	mg/kg
RE48-02-49523	Soil	1,2,4-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49523	Soil	1,3,5-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49523	Soil	Naphthalene	ND	0.03	mg/kg
RE48-02-49524	Soil	1,2,4-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49524	Soil	1,3,5-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49524	Soil	Naphthalene	0.12	0.03	mg/kg
RE48-02-49525	Soil	1,2,4-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49525	Soil	1,3,5-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49525	Soil	Naphthalene	ND	0.03	mg/kg
RE48-02-49526	Soil	1,2,4-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49526	Soil	1,3,5-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49526	Soil	Naphthalene	ND	0.03	mg/kg
RE48-02-49527	Soil	1,2,4-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49527	Soil	1,3,5-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49527	Soil	Naphthalene	ND	0.03	mg/kg
RE48-02-49528	Soil	1,2,4-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49528	Soil	1,3,5-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49528	Soil	Naphthalene	ND	0.03	mg/kg
RE48-02-49529	Soil	1,2,4-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49529	Soil	1,3,5-Trimethybenzene	ND	0.005	mg/kg
RE48-02-49529	Soil	Naphthalene	0.057	0.03	mg/kg

* ND = Not Detected