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**Subject: Request to Defer Submittal of the Remedy Completion Report for Material Disposal Area AB at Technical Area 49**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests a deferral of the January 31, 2015, deadline to submit the Remedy Completion Report (RCR) for Material Disposal Area (MDA) AB at Technical Area 49. The U.S. Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Security, LLC (DOE/LANS) request this deferral in order to complete predecessor activities under the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order).

In January 2012, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and DOE/LANS entered into a Framework Agreement for Realignment of Environmental Priorities (Framework Agreement) at Los Alamos National Laboratory. In accordance with Section 5 of the Framework Agreement, NMED and DOE/LANS engaged in an Annual Work Planning Process (AWP) for fiscal year (FY) 2015 beginning on October 17, 2014, and continued the AWP process on November 20, 2014. As stated in the Framework Agreement, the objective of the AWP is "to assess and refocus the environmental remediation and cleanup work at the Laboratory to ensure alignment with the Governor's priorities, consider input from the public, and find efficiencies that maximize the use of federal funds." In the meeting held on November 20, 2014, DOE/LANS presented the proposed work scope under the Consent Order for the remainder of FY2015 and also provided a list of deliverables that could not be completed in FY2015 (i.e., "unfunded scope"). This report was included in the list of deliverables that could not be completed in FY2015.

DOE/LANS are requesting this deferral because a sequence of predecessor activities necessary to prepare the RCR have not been initiated or completed. These predecessor activities include the Phase II investigation, corrective measures evaluation, statement of basis/remedy selection, corrective measures implementation plan, and corrective measures implementation report. These activities must be completed before the RCR can be prepared and submitted. Therefore, DOE/LANS are requesting to defer the submittal date for the RCR for MDA AB to a date that will be determined based on NMED's future approval of the corrective measures implementation plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephani Swickley at (505) 606-1628 (sfuller@lanl.gov) or Arturo Duran at (505) 665-7772 (arturo.duran@nnsa.doe.gov).

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