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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO COMPLETE THE MATERIAL DISPOSAL
AREA C PHASE II INVESTIGATION REPORT
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL),
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-07-008**

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 Material Disposal Area C Phase II Investigation Report*, dated December 5, 2008 and referenced by EP2008-0621.

The Permittees have stated in their request that "[t]echnical problems associated with installing Flexible Liner Underground Technology (FLUTE) systems" have impacted the Phase II Investigation Report submittal. The Permittees state that "[t]o avoid similar problems with the 10 remaining Phase II boreholes at MDA C, stainless-steel vapor-monitoring systems will be installed." The Permittees assert that installation of a stainless steel system requires significantly more time than installation of a FLUTE system, necessitating a four-month extension for submittal of the Phase II Investigation Report.

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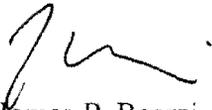


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NMED believes the Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. NMED therefore grants the extension; the Phase II Investigation Report must be submitted no later than May 7, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



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