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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSED LOCATION FOR
WELL R-59 AND WELL COMPLETION DATE
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension for Submittal of Proposed Location for Well R-59 and Well Completion Date* (Request) dated November 12, 2010 and referenced by EP2010-0528.

The Permittees state in the Request that the presently available information on the extent of the vapor contaminant plume beneath MDA C is insufficient to properly site groundwater monitoring well R-59. The extension will allow the Permittees to collect two rounds of vapor-monitoring data from four vapor-monitoring wells that are currently being drilled at or near MDA C and utilize that information to select the best location for well R-59. The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. NMED therefore grants the extension. The Permittees

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must submit the proposed location for well R-59 no later than May 31, 2011 and complete this well no later than August 31, 2011.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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