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August 30, 2011

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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST
SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSED LOCATION FOR WELL R-59
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 Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Extension Request for Submittal of Proposed Location for Well R-59* (Request) dated August 19, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0282.

The Permittees request to postpone the submittal of a location map for regional aquifer well R-59, located at Material Disposal Area C (MDA C), from August 31, 2011 to October 31, 2011. The Permittees submitted a Phase III investigation report (Report) to NMED on July 15, 2011, and in the report they proposed not to install regional well R-59 for detection-monitoring purposes. To date, NMED has not responded to the Report, therefore, NMED cannot provide direction as to the need for R-59 nor its location, assuming the installation of R-59 is required by NMED. As noted by the Permittees in the Request, this extension will provide NMED the time to complete the review of the

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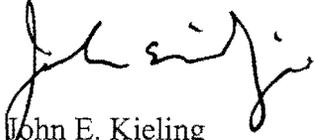


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Report and respond accordingly. With this, the Permittees have shown good cause for the extension request. NMED hereby grants the extension to submit the R-59 location map from August 31, 2011 to **October 31, 2011**.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this approval, please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673.

Sincerely,



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