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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 1, 2011

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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-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 *Extension Request for Submittal of Proposed Location for Well R-59 and Well Completion Date* (Request) dated May 23, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0192.

The Permittees state in the Request that the extension will allow them to present a detailed technical discussion regarding both the need and location for well R-59 in the Phase III MDA C investigation report (Report). The Report will be submitted to NMED no later than June 30, 2011. The Report will evaluate the need for R-59 in the context of the existing groundwater and vapor monitoring network for Material Disposal Area (MDA) C. The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. The Permittees must propose the location for R-59 no later than **August 31, 2011** and complete the well no later than **November 30, 2011**, unless NMED determines, based on the information presented in the Report, that the existing groundwater and

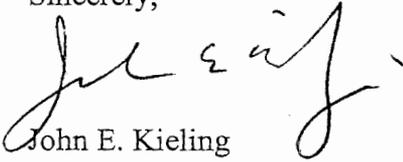


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vapor monitoring network for MDA C is able to reliably detect and delineate contaminant migration from MDA C.

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

Sincerely,



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