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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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**RE: FIFTH EXTENSION REQUEST  
TO SUBMIT PROPOSED LOCATION FOR REGIONAL AQUIFER WELL R-59  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID#NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-11-050**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Mousseau:

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 to Submit Proposed Location for Regional Aquifer Well R-59 (Location)* dated November 13, 2013 and referenced by EP2013-0262.

The Permittees request the extension to submit the Location in order to continue focusing efforts on accelerating the shipment of aboveground transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. This is the fifth extension to submit the Location (previous extensions were granted on November 29, 2010, June 1, 2011, August 30, 2011, and October 21, 2011).

The date to submit the Location has been changed from November 27, 2013 to **June 30, 2014**, as requested.

NMED is concerned over delays that affect the progress of groundwater characterization and remediation; however, NMED is aware of the current uncertainties associated with

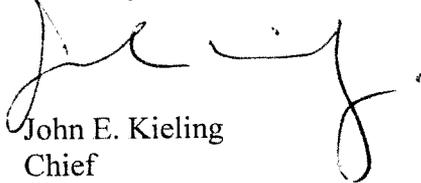


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the allocation of DOE resources to LANS to fund groundwater monitoring and cleanup at the Laboratory. The Permittees must notify NMED, within seven days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow for the Location to be submitted prior to June 30, 2014. If funding becomes available, NMED may re-evaluate the deadline for completion of this project.

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

Sincerely,



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