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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 26, 2014

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**RE: SIXTH EXTENSION REQUEST
TO PROPOSE THE 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 Propose the Location for Regional Aquifer Well R-59* dated June 13, 2014 and referenced by EP2014-0244.

The Permittees request an extension to propose the location for well R-59. This is the sixth extension request to submit the location for R-59 (previous extensions were granted on November 29, 2010, June 1, 2011, August 30, 2011, October 21, 2011, and January 2, 2014). NMED has granted extensions based on the Permittees' need to divert resources to remove transuranic waste in accordance with the Framework Agreement. Based on the Permittees' statement that they will not be able to meet the deadlines that they committed to in the Framework Agreement, the request is hereby denied.

NMED is concerned over delays that affect the progress of groundwater characterization and remediation. Governor Martinez has prioritized the protection of groundwater, and any delay in

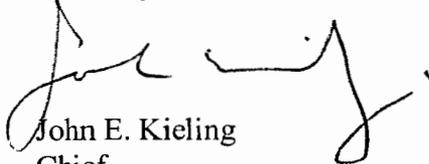


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submitting the proposed location for R-59 is counter to this objective. The Permittee is required to submit the proposal for location of regional aquifer well R-59 as previously scheduled on **June 30, 2014**.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dave Cobrain of my staff at (505) 476-6055.

Sincerely,



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