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Department of Energy
Los Alamos Area Office
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

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Re: Request for Extension to Notice of Deficiency
OU 1148, Los Alamos National Laboratory
NM0890010515

Dear Mr. Vozella:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your request for an extension to respond to the Notice of Deficiency (NOD) on Operable Unit 1148 (OU 1148), based on the potential use of the Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) concept. The use of the CAMU concept for OU 1148 should in no way delay response to the NOD as issued by EPA; therefore, your request for an extension is denied. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is obligated under the HSWA permit to investigate these high priority Solid Waste Management Units.

When LANL has defined the manner in which it will use the CAMU concept, then EPA invites LANL to meet with and discuss their ideas with EPA. Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Barbara Driscoll at (214) 655-7441.

Sincerely,

William K. Honker, P.E., Chief
RCRA Permits Branch (6H-P)

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