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January 15, 1997

Mr. H.L. "Jody" Plum
Office of Environment and Management
Department of Energy
Los Alamos Area Office
P.O. Box 6300
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

Dear Mr. Plum:

RE: Approval of 60-Day extension for Submittal of Closure Plan or a Revised Part B Application for the South Impoundment for Technical Area 53 at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is in receipt of the January 9, 1997 letter from the Department of Energy (DOE) requesting an extension of the date for response to the July 18, 1996, letter requiring LANL to submit a closure plan or a revised Part B application. LANL's request is for an extension until March 7, 1997.

HRMB hereby approves LANL's request for an extension, and expects to receive the response no later than March 7, 1997, as per LANL's request.

If you have any questions please call either myself or Mr. John Kieling at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,

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