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May 6, 1998

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Dr. John C. Browne, Director
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**RE: Denial of Request for Extension
RFI Work Plan for Technical Area 53 Surface Impoundments
Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)
NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Taylor and Dr. Browne:

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) RCRA Permits Management Program (RPMP) is in receipt of the April 27, 1998 letter, referenced by EM/ER: 98-140, from the Department of Energy (DOE)/LANL requesting an extension for submitting the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Work Plan for Technical Area (TA) 53 Surface Impoundments (Solid Waste Management Units 53-002 a and b). The request indicates a 60-day extension in which the submittal will be forwarded to HRMB by June 30, 1998. The submittal is addressing HRMB's letter dated March 27, 1998 and issues raised during the site tour which occurred on April 22, 1998.

RPMP denies DOE/LANL's request for a 60-day extension for submittal of the RFI Work Plan. RPMP is granting DOE/LANL a 30-day extension for submittal of the RFI Work Plan which is to be received no later than May 30, 1998.

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If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact myself or Mr. John Kieling, RPMP's LANL Facility Manager at (505) 827-1558.

Sincerely,



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