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**RE: APPROVAL OF EXTENSION REQUEST FOR TANK SAMPLING  
TECHNICAL AREA 53, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS 53-006 (b-e)  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL)  
NM0890010515**

Dear Dr. Browne and Mr. Taylor:

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) RCRA Permits Management Program (RPMP) is in receipt of the December 3, 1999 facsimile (letter dated December 2, 1999), referenced by E/ER: 99-345, from the Department of Energy (DOE)/LANL requesting a ninety (90) day extension to sample the Technical Area (TA) 53 tanks. This sampling event is required by the Notice of Deficiency (NOD) to the RCRA Work Plan/Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for TA-53 Surface Impoundments, and the TA-53 SAP Addendum. The request indicates this extension is needed in order to coordinate sampling activities with TA-53 facility operations. The request letter, also, indicates that LANL will provide a response to all other specific NOD comments by December 12, 1999 as required by the NOD.

HRMB hereby approves DOE/LANL's request for extension for tank sampling to occur no later than March 12, 1999, as per DOE/LANL's request.



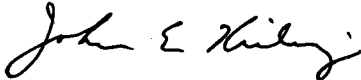
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If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (505) 827-1558 extension 1012 or Lee Winn at (505) 827-1558 extension 1029.

Sincerely,



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