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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR SUBMITTAL OF REVISED INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIATION REPORT FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SWMU 53-002(a)-99, INACTIVE WASTEWATER IMPOUNDMENTS, AND AOC 53-008, STORAGE AREA, AT TECHNICAL AREA 53**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Environmental Stewardship—Environmental Remediation and Surveillance (ENV-ERS) Program requests a time extension for submitting the revised “Investigation and Remediation Report for Consolidated SWMU 53-002(a)-99, Inactive Wastewater Impoundments, and AOC 53-008, Storage Area, at Technical Area 53” (LA-UR-03-9119). The notice of disapproval (NOD) letter received from the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) on June 8, 2005, indicates that both a response to the NOD comments and the revised report are due within thirty (30) days of receipt of the letter. LANL will respond to the comments within the 30-day timeframe but respectfully requests an additional 60 days beyond the original 30 days to submit the revised report.

LANL requests this extension to ensure that LANL and NMED concur on the NOD responses before revising the document. The proposed 60-day extension would allow time for NMED to review the comment responses, for NMED and LANL to meet to resolve any potential outstanding issues, and for LANL to revise the document to incorporate the agreed-upon responses.



By resolving all comments before submitting the revised document, LANL would hope that the revised document could then be approved without modifications.

If you have any questions regarding this request for extension, please contact Gabriela Lopez Escobedo at (505) 665-7352 or Woody Woodworth at (505) 665-5820.

Sincerely,



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