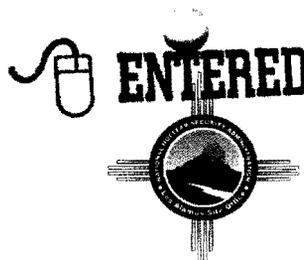


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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR THE RESPONSE TO NMED'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID NO. NM890010515-1 (FEBRUARY 12, 2009)**

On February 12, 2009, you issued a Request for Information to the US Department of Energy, Los Alamos Site Office (LASO) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) to provide specific information related to waste profile forms and other similar forms which document the assignment of hazardous waste codes for waste containers stored and/or disposed of at TA-54 Area G. Specifically, you requested the following information:

*All waste profile request forms and other similar forms on which the Permittees (or their predecessors) document the assignment of hazardous waste codes or numbers to waste containers that have been disposed of and/or stored at TA-54 Area G (a.k.a. MDA G) in locations that have never been permitted by NMED for the management of hazardous or mixed waste.*



To address this request, representatives from LASO and LANS met with representatives from NMED on February 20, 2009 to clarify NMED's expectations for this request. As a result, the following three actions are being completed:

1. Transuranic (TRU) Waste above ground: Review waste profile request forms and other similar LANL forms for all TRU waste stored above ground at Area G in locations that are not permitted or do not have interim status for the management of hazardous or mixed waste. This review will address the approximately 8500 TRU waste containers that met these criteria on or about February 12, 2009.
2. Low Level Waste (LLW) above ground: Review waste profile request forms and other similar LANL forms for all LLW stored above ground at Area G in locations that are not permitted or do not have interim status for the management of hazardous or mixed waste. This review will address the approximately 80 LLW containers that met these criteria on or about February 12, 2009.
3. LLW disposed of since July 25, 1990: Review waste profile forms and other similar LANL forms for all LLW disposed of since July 25, 1990 below ground at Area G in locations that are not permitted or do not have interim status for the management of hazardous or mixed waste. This review will address approximately 60,000 LLW containers that met these criteria on or about February 12, 2009.

LASO and LANS believe we will be able to complete the reviews for action 1 (TRU waste above ground) and action 2 (LLW above ground) by the March 16, 2009 due date. We will deliver copies of any formal characterization determinations (e.g. waste profile request forms or equivalent LANL documents) that document the assignment of hazardous codes or numbers to waste containers that were found to have been stored on or about February 12, 2009 in locations that were not permitted or have interim status for the management of hazardous or mixed waste.

However, action 3 involves the review of waste profile documents for over 60,000 containers and will take longer to complete the review of the records. This exceeds the effort involved in the review of the approximately 8500 containers associated with the first two action items. Action 3 also involves retrieving and printing approximately 5000 records accumulated over two decades.

Due to the volume of documentation and logistics of retrieving many of these archived records, we are formally requesting an extension to submit the review of documents associated with action 3 from March 16, 2009 to July 14, 2009 (120 days). Therefore, we request an extension of 120 days for the completion of action 3 as described above.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions regarding this request for extension, please contact either Scott Miller at (505) 665-8862, Tori George at (505) 667-2211 or Lee Bishop at (505) 606-1804.

Sincerely,



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