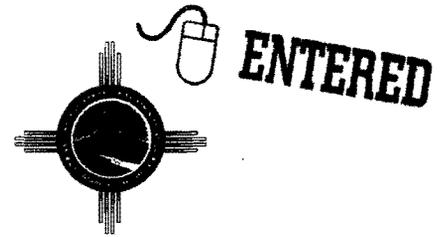


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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. James Bearzi, Chief
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2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Bearzi:



RE: RESPONSE TO NMED'S EXTENSION TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID# NM890010515 (MARCH 16, 2009)

This letter responds to the Extension to Respond to Request for Information to the Department of Energy, Los Alamos Site Office (LASO) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) dated March 16, 2009. In your letter, you state:

NMED therefore grants an extension of 30 days. The requested information is therefore due no later than April 15, 2009. This extension is contingent upon the Permittees submitting the waste profile request forms and other similar forms for all transuranic and low-level waste stored above ground at Area G by the original March 16, 2009 due date. If by April 15, 2009, the Permittees find that they still can not meet the request, the Permittees shall submit a letter report to NMED prior to April 15, 2009 that describes progress to date and a revised request, schedule, and justification for additional time needed to complete compiling the information.



On April 7, 2009, LASO and LANS management met with you and Art Vollmer to discuss our progress and current schedule. LASO and LANS explained that while their personnel have worked aggressively to complete these reviews prior to the April 15, 2009 due date, we will be unable to provide a complete report by that date. Therefore, in accordance with your March 16, 2009 extension letter and the discussions during our April 7, 2009 meeting, we are providing this letter report "*...that describes progress to date and a revised request, schedule and justification for additional time needed...*"

Progress to date

1. Transuranic (TRU) waste above ground. In accordance with your March 16, 2009 extension letter, this review was completed and results submitted to your office via letter dated March 16, 2009.
2. Low Level Waste (LLW) above ground. In accordance with your March 16, 2009 extension letter, this review was completed and results submitted to your office via letter dated March 16, 2009.
3. LLW disposed at Area G since July 25, 1990. Our personnel have completed reviews for approximately 90% of these containers, leaving reviews for about 4500 containers in process.

Revised request

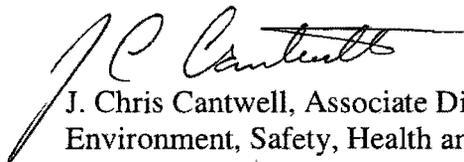
Although we have made significant progress to date, we will be unable to complete the information request in accordance with the April 15, 2009 due date. Our current progress to date and the nature of the remaining reviews indicate that we need an additional 35 day extension to May 20, 2009. This additional time is necessary because:

1. The remaining 10% of containers are generally documented on older Waste Profile Request Forms (WPFs) and other similar forms which, due to their age and complexity, require review by a limited number of LANL subject matter experts.
2. These remaining WPFs and other similar forms have also been more difficult to access and require more research to locate and print them. This additional time also increases the duration of the review process.
3. Personnel will need to compile all responsive WPFs and other similar forms necessary to complete the NMED request.

Based on our current status and the above justification, we request that you grant an extension until May 20, 2009. Per the discussion on April 7, 2009, we anticipate that we will be able to provide a

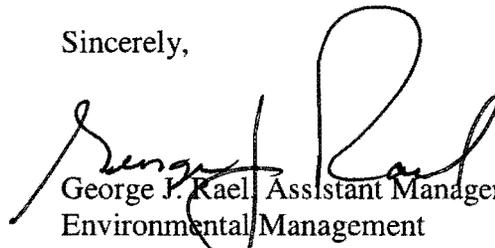
complete report on the LLW disposed at Area G since July 25, 1990 by this new date. If you have any additional questions, please contact M. Lee Bishop at 606-1804, Tori George at 699-2813 or Scott Miller at 665-8862.

Sincerely,



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