



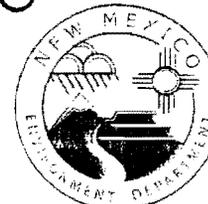
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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO SUBMIT
A SUPPLEMENTAL SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION PILOT STUDY
WORK PLAN FOR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA G,
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL),
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-08-048**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Request for Extension of Time to Submit a Supplemental Soil-Vapor Extraction Pilot Study Work Plan for Material Disposal Area G*, dated October 2, 2009 and referenced by EP2009-0506.

The Permittees state in the extension request that “[i]n order to determine the capabilities and optimal design for a SVE system at MDA G, the permeability assumptions from the original SVE pilot test should be validated.” There is no reason for the Permittees to conduct a permeability test prior to submitting the SVE Pilot Test Work Plan (Work Plan); they should propose this work in the Work Plan.

The purpose of the pilot test is to determine the capabilities and optimal design of an SVE system at MDA G. The Permittees have already had approximately eight weeks to



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develop the Work Plan the minimum requirements of which were outlined, in detail, by NMED's August 20, 2009 letter.

Nevertheless, NMED grants the Permittees a fifteen-day extension. The Pilot Test Work Plan for Soil-Vapor Extraction at Material Disposal Area G must be submitted to NMED no later than October 30, 2009.

Please contact Kristen Van Horn of my staff at (505) 476-6046 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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