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Benito Garcia
Hazardous and Radioactive
Material Bureau Chief
State of New Mexico Environment Department
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P.O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Mr. Garcia:

This letter is a request for a 60 day extension to respond to the Notice of Deficiency (NOD) for the Technical Area III and V RCRA Facility Investigation Report received on July 31, 1997. Sandia National Laboratories and the Department of Energy propose to submit changes to the report in response to the NOD on or before October 31, 1997.

This extension is being requested due to the current work load of the Environmental Restoration Project at Sandia. Fiscal year 1997 ends in six weeks and it is not possible to reassign staff to respond to this NOD and complete the current work underway at Sandia.

Please contact Mark Jackson of my staff at (505) 845-6288 if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Brenda J. Harrison
for Michael J. Zamorski
Acting Area Manager

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