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Subject: Request for Extension to 60-day Public Comment Period for Draft Operating Permit,
Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico, EPA ID No. NM5890110518

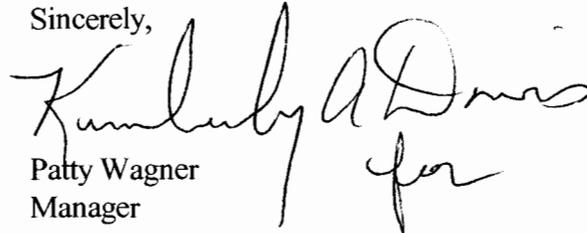
Dear Mr. Kieling:

On behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE) and Sandia Corporation (Sandia), DOE is requesting that the public comment period for the draft operating permit be extended for an additional 90 days. The 60-day public comment period provided by the New Mexico Environment Department will end at 5:00 pm on October 19, 2007. DOE and Sandia are requesting the comment period end at 5:00 pm on January 17, 2008.

DOE and Sandia are requesting this extension because the draft operating permit is a complex and lengthy document. It contains numerous sections with detailed conditions and requirements that are so complex and interrelated that DOE and Sandia cannot adequately evaluate them and provide comments in 60 days.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at (505) 845-6036 or David Rast of my staff at (505) 845-5349.

Sincerely,


for

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