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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 12, 2008

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**RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON
DRAFT SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES PERMIT**

Dear Messrs. McCoy and Gilkeson:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received your request via electronic mail, dated February 8, 2008, that NMED grant a fourth extension to the comment period for the draft Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) permit to review the SNL comments already submitted on the draft Permit. Your request also indicated that SNL did not provide for an informational meeting prior to submission of the draft Permit.

The comment period on the draft SNL permit is to receive comments on the proposed draft permit, not to receive comments on comments received during the comment period.

Your assertion that SNL did not provide an informational meeting prior to the submission of the permit application is in error. Prior to the submission of the permit application, SNL held a public meeting on January 17, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center located at I-40 and Carlisle Boulevard in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Public Notice of the meeting was published in the Albuquerque Journal on Tuesday, December 18, 2001. The purpose of the public meeting was to inform the community of the proposed hazardous waste management

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activities at SNL's treatment, storage and disposal units and to solicit questions from the public.

NMED therefore denies your request.

Sincerely,



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