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Mr. James Bearzi,
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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The Corrective Measures Evaluation (CME) Report for Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico (SNL/NM) Technical Area-V (TA-V) Groundwater was required by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), and was submitted to NMED for review and approval in July 2005. NMED reviewed the TA-V CME Report and issued a Notice of Disapproval (NOD) in a letter to the Department of Energy (DOE) and Sandia Corporation (Sandia) dated August 1, 2008. The NOD letter required that the DOE and Sandia respond to the NOD and submit a work plan for NMED approval that will address adequate characterization of groundwater at TA-V by October 1, 2008.

In order to respond to the extensive comments received from NMED during their 36 month review of the TA-V CME Report, we request that the due date for the response to NOD be extended. Due to several questions resulting from our review of the NOD (for example, the number and location of additional groundwater wells required by NMED are not specified), DOE/Sandia request a meeting with NMED to discuss these issues. Once these issues are resolved, DOE/Sandia will require time to respond to the NOD and prepare the work plan. Therefore, we request that the due date for the response and work plan be 90 days after the proposed meeting. At your earliest convenience, please contact John Gould of my staff at (505) 845-6089 to arrange this meeting.

Please contact me at (505) 845-6036, or Dan Pellegrino, also of my staff, at (505) 845-5398 with any other questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Bearzi

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