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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

September 22, 2008

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**RE: TIME EXTENSION REQUEST TO RESPOND TO NOTICE OF  
DISAPPROVAL ISSUED FOR TIJERAS ARROYO GROUNDWATER  
INVESTIGATION REPORT, NOVEMBER 2005  
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES EPA ID# NM5890110518  
HWB-SNL-05-028**

Dear Ms. Wagner and Mr. Nimick:

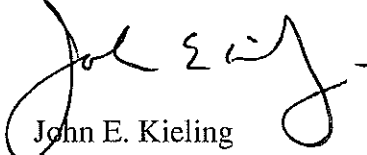
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued a Notice of Disapproval (NOD), dated August 1, 2008, to the U. S. Department of Energy and Sandia Corporation (the "Permittees") for the Tijeras Arroyo Groundwater Investigation Report. The NOD stated that the Permittees were to respond to the comments included in the NOD by October 1, 2008. NMED has received the Permittees' letter of August 26, 2008, requesting additional time to prepare the response. More specifically, the letter requests a four-month extension of the due date to January 31, 2009.

The NMED hereby grants the Permittees' request for a time extension; the Permittees shall respond to the subject NOD by January 31, 2009.

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If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss the NOD comments prior to your response, please contact Dezbah Tso of my staff at (505) 222-9528.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Kieling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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