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March 10, 2009

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**RE: TIME EXTENSION REQUEST FOR RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
DISAPPROVAL FOR CORRECTIVE MEASURES EVALUATION REPORT
FOR TECHNICAL AREA-V GROUNDWATER, SAND2005-4492, JULY, 2005
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES, EPA ID#NM5890110518
HWB-SNL-05-027**

Dear Ms. Davis and Mr. Nimick:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the August 26, 2008 letter from Department of Energy/Sandia National Laboratories (the Permittees) requesting a 90-day extension to the due date for a response and work plan called for in a Notice of Disapproval (NOD) issued by NMED on July 28, 2008 for the Corrective Measures Evaluation Report For Technical Area-V Groundwater, SAND2005-4492, July, 2005. In your letter you proposed a new due date based on a proposed meeting between NMED and SNL personnel. That meeting took place on December 11 and 12, 2008.

In accordance with Section III.J.2 of the Compliance Order on Consent (April 29, 2004), the request was automatically granted because NMED did not respond to the original extension request within 10 days. The 90-day extension will be based upon the meeting which ended on December 12, 2008. Therefore, the new due date for submittal of the response and work plan is March 12, 2009.

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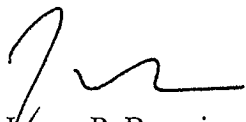
In September 18, 2008, NMED requested the installation of soil-vapor wells at Technical Area-V which were not called for in the NOD. NMED expects a minimum of three soil-vapor monitoring wells to be installed at the following locations: 1) in the area of high groundwater TCE concentrations in the vicinity of LWDS-MW1/TAV-MW6; 2) in the vicinity of ER Site 36, TA5-36-BH-01 (where there was a TCE soil-vapor concentration measurement of about 250 ppbv at 300 foot depth); and 3) in the vicinity of TAV-MW1. The soil-vapor wells must be capable of monitoring contaminant vapors at depths of approximately every 50 feet down to groundwater, with a final sampling point at a depth of about 5-10 feet above the water table.

In the same meeting the Permittees presented a new land surveying data showing a potential error with monitoring well -- LWDS-MW1. Because there is a discrepancy between the previous survey and the new survey the Permittees must provide an explanation of the difference or will be required to re-survey the well.

With the additional work NMED is requiring, NMED hereby grants additional time beyond March 12, 2009 to submit the work plan and the response to the NOD. The Permittees must submit the requested information no later than April 17, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sid Brandwein of my staff at (505) 222-9504.

Sincerely,



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