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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 23, 2009

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RE: DENIAL: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (LTES) SITE 1 – CABLE DEBRIS SITE, NOVEMBER 2, 2009 SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES, EPA ID# NM5890110518 HWB-SNL-08-014

Dear Ms. Davis and Mr. Nimick:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the subject document dated November 2, 2009, in which the U. S. Department of Energy on behalf of itself and Sandia Corporation (collectively the "Permittees") requested an extension to complete the required sampling and analysis of soil for cadmium and thallium at the Cable Debris Site. The Permittees did not provide a reason for the extension request. NMED does not find good cause for the request and therefore denies it.

Additionally, the Permittees indicate in the letter that although the results of the four soil samples analyzed for Cesium-137 exceeded the background level for subsurface soil, the results should have been compared to the background level for surface soil. Upon reevaluation of the data, the activity levels of all four soil samples are indicative of background conditions. NMED agrees additional soil sampling for Cesium-137 is not needed and, therefore, is no longer required.



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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Brian L. Salem of my staff at (505) 222-9576.

Sincerely,



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