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RE: TIME EXTENSION REQUEST TO RESPOND TO NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL ISSUED AUGUST 1, 2008 FOR TIJERAS ARROYO GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION REPORT, NOVEMBER 2005 SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES EPA ID# NM5890110518 HWB-SNL-05-028

Dear Ms. Davis and Mr. Nimick:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) submitted a Notice of Deficiency, dated August 1, 2008, to the U. S. Department of Energy and Sandia Corporation (the "Permittees") for the Tijeras Arroyo Groundwater (TAG) Investigation Report. The Notice of Deficiency stated that the Permittees were to respond to the Notice of Deficiency by October 1, 2008. The NMED received a letter, dated August 26, 2008, from the Permittees requesting a four-month extension of the due date to January 31, 2009 to prepare the response. The NMED granted the extension in a letter dated September 22, 2008.

The NMED has received a letter, dated January 14, 2009, that requests a second extension of time due to extensive logistical efforts necessary to obtain contemporaneous and current water levels in the 68 TAG groundwater monitoring wells. In the letter, the Permittees requested an additional month to prepare and submit the NOD response, resulting in a due date of February 28, 2009.

The NMED grants your request for an extension. The Permittees shall respond to the August 1, 2008 NOD no later than February 28, 2009. The NMED reserves the right to require additional information submittals on this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Dezbah Tso of my staff at (505) 222-9528, or at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,

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