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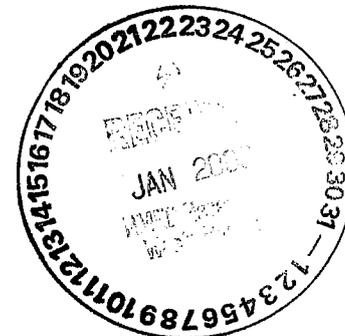


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Mr. James Bearzi,  
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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The Tijeras Arroyo Groundwater Investigation Report (TAG IR) for the Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico (SNL/NM) TAG Study Area was required by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), and was submitted to NMED for review and approval in November 2005. NMED reviewed the TAG IR 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 by October 1, 2008.

In a September 22, 2008 letter, NMED granted DOE and Sandia a time-extension to respond to the NOD by January 31, 2009. In order to complete the field effort required by NOD Comment 1, there are extensive logistical efforts to coordinate with three Kirtland Air Force Base contractors and the City of Albuquerque for the measurement of contemporaneous and current water levels in the 68 TAG groundwater monitoring wells. We request that the due date for the response to NOD be extended for one month, to February 28, 2009.

Please contact me at (505) 845-6036, or John Gould of my staff at (505) 845-6089 with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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Acting Manager

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