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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

On behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE) and Sandia Corporation (Sandia), DOE is requesting an extension of the submittal date for the Tijeras Arroyo Groundwater (TAG) Investigation Report at Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico. In Section IV of the Compliance Order on Consent (Order), TAG is identified as an area of groundwater contamination. However, the Order does not specify a submittal date for the TAG Investigation Report. The TAG Investigation Report is based on work performed under the NMED-approved TAG Work Plan finalized in June 2003. The TAG Work Plan includes a schedule (Figure 5.8-1) that shows the TAG Investigation Report (referred to as the TAG Final Report in the Work Plan) being prepared in the third and fourth quarters of Fiscal Year 2005 and reviewed by NMED in the first and second quarters of FY 2006. DOE planned on submitting this report to NMED by September 30, 2005.

The data collected in support of the TAG Investigation Report was collected by five different investigators (Sandia, City of Albuquerque, and three Kirtland Air Force Base contractors). As designated preparer of the TAG Investigation Report, Sandia compiles all the groundwater analytical data for 52 wells and 6 quarterly sampling events. Unfortunately, the non-Sandia data were not available in time to meet the delivery date specified in the TAG Work Plan. DOE is requesting a 60-day extension of the TAG Investigation Report submittal date, with a new submittal date of November 29, 2005. Accordingly, the review by NMED would appropriately shift only one quarter to the second and third quarters of FY 2006.

Mr. J. Bearzi

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

Sincerely,



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