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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Pilot Test Report for Evaluating FLUTE Vapor-Sampling Systems in Use at Material Disposal Area G

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) is in receipt of your July 21, 2008, approval of the extension request for the Material Disposal Area (MDA) G pilot study report. Within this approval, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has allowed for an additional 2.5 weeks to finish the report instead of the 5 weeks that the Laboratory originally requested. The original request for the additional time was based on the 3-week delay of the delivery of the MDA C pilot study, which is required to be a reference document in the MDA G pilot study report, and to allow for the recovery from technical difficulties experienced in the field.

NMED's basis for requiring the document sooner than the Laboratory's requested date was identified as "the data related to the evaluation of the FLUTE vapor-sampling system is necessary for NMED's review of the SVE pilot test conducted at MDA G." The Laboratory has made an attempt to accelerate the delivery of this report but would like to point out to NMED that the MDA G soil-vapor extraction (SVE) pilot test utilizes a stainless-steel vapor-sampling system as required in the approved May 15, 2008, work plan. Therefore, NMED does not need the results of this study to review the SVE pilot test results.

Given the Laboratory's need for additional time to perform a thorough data analysis and generate a quality report, and NMED's ability to perform the review of the SVE pilot test results without these data, the Laboratory respectfully requests that NMED allow for another week (2 weeks less than our original request) to generate the MDA G pilot test report. The new delivery date for this document if approved by NMED would be August 20, 2008.

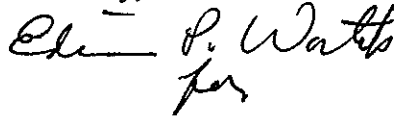
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