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James P. Bearzi, Bureau Chief
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Subject: Request for an Extension for the Notice of Disapproval for Corrective Measures Evaluation Report for Material Disposal Area A, Solid Waste Management Unit 21-014, at Technical Area 21

Dear Mr. Bearzi:


Pursuant to Section III.J.2 of the Compliance Order on Consent, the Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) requests an extension from February 27, 2009, to May 15, 2009, for the submission date of the revised Corrective Measures Evaluation Report, as required in the "Notice of Disapproval for Corrective Measures Evaluation Report for Material Disposal Area A, Solid Waste Management Unit 21-014, at Technical Area 21" dated January 28, 2009. The Laboratory will submit responses to the 9 general and 23 specific comments to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) by February 27, 2009. However additional time is required to incorporate General Comment No.1 and Specific Comments Nos. 3, 6, 9, 10, and 11 and issue the revised document as requested.

The NMED comments require additional detail for issues including vapor contaminant transport by vadose zone moisture migration, reevaluation and justification of the alternatives using the five criteria in the Consent Order (Sections VII.b.4.i – v), the basis of inventory and potential for additional direct sampling, the potential for contaminant release and transport, justification for elimination or retention of technologies (e.g., insitu vitrification), reevaluation of alternative remedies, and revision of the cost estimates, design drawings, and specifications for the remedy alternatives.

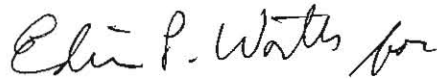
The attached schedule displays the activities required to respond to the NMED comments, perform a reevaluation of alternatives, and incorporate the changes and evaluations into the report as required. We estimate that all activities will take a total of 107 calendar days. We have developed the schedule to complete the additional evaluations as quickly as possible and in a logical sequence.

Your prompt attention to this request is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Allan Chaloupka at (505) 231-1343 (allanc@lanl.gov) or Lance Woodworth at (505) 665-5820 (lwoodworth@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,


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MDA A CME Report Extension

Activity ID	Activity Name	Calendar Days	Finish	Qtr 1, 2009			Qtr 2, 2009	
				Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
MDA A CME Report Extension				15-May-09				
B32RL72520	Respond to Comments	29d	27-Feb-09		█			
B32RL72530	Evaluate, Justify and Document Consent Order Process	73d	30-Apr-09			█	█	
B32RL72540	Prepare Revised Report	84d	15-May-09				█	█