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Subject: Extension Request for the Submittal of the Revised Investigation Report for Upper Mortandad Canyon Aggregate Area

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

This letter requests an extension from the current date of February 15, 2010, to April 30, 2010, to submit the revised investigation report for Upper Mortandad Canyon Aggregate Area and respond to the notice of disapproval (NOD), issued by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on January 12, 2010.

The NOD identified 6 general comments and 31 specific comments for the 63 solid waste management units and areas of concern discussed in the report. The response to NMED comments will require a substantial effort to sufficiently address the 37 comments and incorporate the requested changes, produce a cross-walk table that details where all revisions have been made, generate a redline-strikeout version, and produce the revised three-volume, 1200-page report.

In addition, Specific Comments 12, 19, 25, and 26 will require significant effort to locate additional facility-related information in the form of inspection reports, photographic documentation, and facility procedures and records. The proposed extension date will ensure the additional documentation requested in the NOD can be adequately identified, collected, and incorporated into the revised report.

Per the January 14, 2010, phone conversation with your staff, the proposed extension date of April 30, 2010, will also avoid potential issues with NMED staffing resources involved in public hearings on the revised draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit to be conducted in early April 2010.

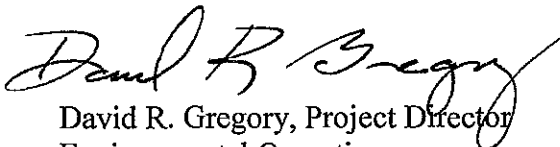
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