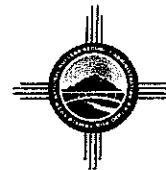




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Subject: Request for Extension for the Work Plan for the Reliability Assessment of Multiscreen West Bay Wells

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

This letter requests an extension from the current date of March 12 to April 9, 2010, to submit the work plan to evaluate the reliability of multiscreen West Bay wells requested by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on February 11, 2010.

Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) has more than 10 years of analytical data collected from multiscreen West Bay wells at 10 locations and 34 screened intervals. To ensure the usability and accuracy of these well systems, it is crucial to design a study that accurately reflects differences between purged and nonpurged samples and statistically evaluates those results.

Laboratory resources required to design a conclusive test and prepare the work plan are currently supporting preparations for the public hearings on the revised draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit or are otherwise engaged in work required by the Compliance Order on Consent. This extension may also benefit the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau staff who are also involved in the public hearings.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Paris at (505) 606-0915 (smparis@lanl.gov) or Hai Shen at (505) 605-5046 (hshen@doel.gov).

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