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Subject: Request for Extension for the Submittal of the Phase II Investigation Work Plan for Sandia Canyon

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) received the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) February 9, 2010, letter Approval with Modification Investigation Report for Sandia Canyon Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Approval with Modification). Pursuant to Section III.J.2 of the Compliance Order on Consent, the Laboratory requests an extension from May 21, 2010, to July 30, 2010, to submit the Phase II Investigation Work Plan in Support of the Sandia Canyon Investigation Report.

In a March 11, 2010, meeting with your staff, the Laboratory discussed the unanticipated magnitude of proposed scope for the Phase II investigation outlined in NMED's Approval with Modification letter. The meeting was informative to the Laboratory as to the overall objectives of the scope set forth in NMED's letter. By May 15, 2010, the Laboratory proposes to verbally provide to NMED a technical summary of the proposed work scope to achieve the objectives outlined in the Approval with Modification letter. Once the Laboratory receives NMED concurrence, we will submit the Phase II Investigation Work Plan by July 30, 2010. The proposed schedule is largely driven by the fact that the technical staff members who are involved in the Sandia Canyon investigation (and the Phase II work plan) have been heavily involved in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit hearings, since mid-March, and will continue to do so through early May.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Veenis at (505) 667-0013 (veenis@lanl.gov) or Nancy Werdel at (505) 665-3619 (nwerdel@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,



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