

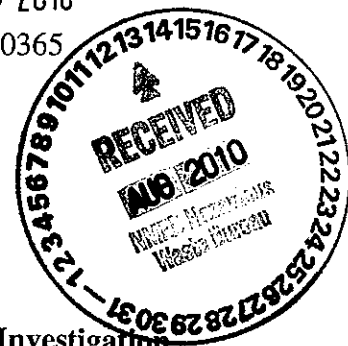


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Subject: Request for Extension to Respond to the Notice of Disapproval for the Investigation Report for Sites at Technical Area 49 Inside the Nuclear Environmental Site Boundary

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

In response to the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) August 2, 2010, Notice of Disapproval (NOD) for the May 2010 Investigation Report for Sites at Technical Area 49 Inside the Nuclear Environmental Site Boundary, Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) is requesting an extension of the September 3, 2010, date specified in the NOD for submitting a revised investigation report to a proposed new date of September 17, 2010.

The Laboratory and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) have reviewed the comments provided in the NOD and are requesting this extension because of the effort involved in addressing General Comments 2 and 4. These comments require revision of all plates in the investigation report presenting data to include all sampling location IDs and to indicate the total depth sampled at each location. The Laboratory and DOE are in agreement with these comments and believe these revisions will improve the document. The effort required to make the required revisions and produce a revised investigation report, however, will require more time than the 30 days specified in the NOD. Specifically, changes will need to be made to 23 plates to incorporate information on approximately 600 sample locations. Therefore, the Laboratory and DOE are requesting a 2-week extension to the submittal date specified in the NOD.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave McInroy at (505) 667-0819 (mcinroy@lanl.gov) or Suzy Schulman at (505) 606-1962 (sschulman@doeal.gov).

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