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Subject: Request for Extension for the Submittal of Notice of Disapproval Response for the Investigation Report for Ancho, Chaquehui and Indio Canyons

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), notice of disapproval (NOD) for the Ancho, Chaquehui, and Indio canyons investigation report, dated April 1, 2011. Pursuant to Section III.J.2 of the Compliance Order on Consent, the Laboratory requests an extension from April 29, 2011, to June 30, 2011, to submit its response to the NOD.

In an April 8, 2011, discussion with your staff, the Laboratory discussed some of the short-term concerns outlined in NMED's NOD letter. This extension request is largely driven by the need for adequate time to review the availability and completeness of dioxin/furan data from related solid waste management unit aggregate area investigations, including those of specific interest noted in NMED's NOD. The assessment of available dioxin/furan data will inform the need to conduct additional sampling in the canyons. Additionally, the Laboratory would benefit from receiving NMED's comments on the Laboratory's recently submitted response to the NOD of the Potrillo and Fence canyons investigation report, dated February 24, 2011, since many of the NMED's comments for that report are similar to those for the Ancho, Chaquehui, and Indio canyons investigation report. The Laboratory would also like to have an opportunity to meet with NMED to clarify the requirement and changes necessary to address the NMED's comment on maps and tables.

Based on the estimated time needed to perform the data evaluation activities identified above, DOE and the Laboratory request an extension of 62 days to submit the NOD response.

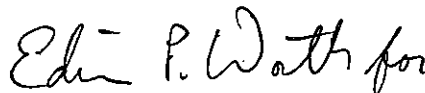
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