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Subject: Submittal of the Response to the New Mexico Environment Department's Notice of Agreement Regarding the Force Majeure at Material Disposal Area B

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC (the Permittees) received the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) response to the force majeure caused by the power outage at Material Disposal Area B, dated May 2, 2011, on May 3, 2011. In the notice of agreement, NMED agreed that a delay in the submittal of the report may ultimately be attributed to this power outage event. The investigation report, due August 31, 2011, may be extended by the actual days of delay resulting from the force majeure event (9 days), to September 9, 2011. Furthermore, the notice of agreement states that once work resumes, the Permittees must notify NMED of the delay resulting from the event so the actual number of days of the extension can be calculated.

Repairs of damaged equipment and full resumption of operations took 8 days, with operations resuming on April 20, 2011. Therefore, an 8-day extension is requested as a result of the force majeure event.

If you have any questions, please contact Allan Chaloupka at (505) 665-4858 (allanc@lanl.gov) or Everett Trollinger at (505) 667-0281 (etrollinger@doeal.gov).

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