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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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**RE: PARTIAL APPROVAL  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION  
CORRECTIVE MEASURES EVALUATION REPORT REVISION 2  
MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA L  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-08-001**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Request for Extension of Date for Submittal of Revision 2 of the Corrective Measures Evaluation Report for Material Disposal Area L* (Request), dated March 18, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0127. The Permittees cite two grounds for the requested extension of the submittal date for the Material Disposal Area (MDA) L Corrective Measures Evaluation (CME) Revision 2 Report: "(1) the report inconsistencies for the CMEs at Technical Area 54 (TA-54) that would be realized from receiving NMED's comments on all three TA-54 CMEs before the MDA L CME is revised and (2) the time needed to address NMED's direction to include a minimum of four quarters of groundwater data from the groundwater monitoring network at TA-54."

NMED agrees that certain efficiencies would be realized if the Permittees were able to address comments on the CME Reports for MDAs G, H, and L simultaneously. The revisions would

also likely be of higher quality, and provide better support for NMED's proposed final remedies. NMED finds this ground good cause for an extension.

NMED is committed to the TA-54 remedy selection schedule that allows NMED to provide a combined Fact Sheet and public notice for its proposed remedies for MDAs G, H, and L in November 2011. All three CME Reports are on track to allow NMED to meet this deadline, provided that the next revisions of each CME Report are sufficient to support NMED's remedy selection.

NMED therefore partially grants the requested extension. The revised CME Report for MDA L is due to NMED no later than **August 31, 2011**. In addition, NMED has today sent the Permittees its comments on the MDA G CME Report, and will send its comments on the MDA H CME Report on or before April 15, 2011. In that way, the Permittees will be able to address comments on all three Reports simultaneously, and address any cross-cutting issues. A due date of August 31, 2011 was also established in the NOD for the revised MDA G CME Report, and the same date will also be established in the NOD for the revised MDA H CME Report.

NMED invites the Permittees to meet with NMED to discuss our comments, the Permittees' proposed responses, and other issues that may require resolution before NMED prepares its Statements of Basis for the proposed remedies. We are committed to working collaboratively with you and your organizations to achieve these goals. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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