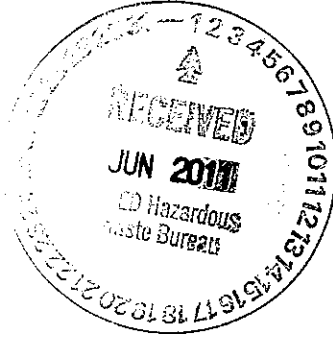




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Subject: Request for Extension for the Response to the Notice of Disapproval for the Phase II Investigation Report for Middle Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) has received the Notice of Disapproval for the Phase II Investigation Report for Middle Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area. In this letter, dated May 24, 2011, the New Mexico Environment Department requires a response to its comments and submittal of a revised investigation report by June 17, 2011. Given the size and complexity of the investigation report and the number and nature of the requested revisions, the Laboratory respectfully requests an extension of 45 days, to August 1, 2011, to allow adequate time to respond to the comments and revise the document.

In addition, the Laboratory would like to extend an invitation to Mr. Ben Wear of your staff, as well as any others who may be interested, to participate in a tour of the Middle Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area. Familiarity with the physical environment of the sites will be helpful in identifying a path forward for the Phase III work in this aggregate area.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Coel-Roback at (505) 665-5011 (becky_cr@lanl.gov) or Cheryl Rodriguez at (505) 665-5330 (crodriguez2@doeal.gov).

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