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**Subject: Request for Extension to the Direction to Modify the Phase II Investigation Report for Middle Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area, Revision 1**


Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension from the November 30, 2011, date to respond to the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) direction to modify the Phase II Investigation Report for Middle Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area, Revision 1 (HWB-LANL-11-022) to a new date of November 30, 2013. This 2-yr extension applies to submittal of a response to the direction to modify, submittal of a revised Phase II investigation report, and implementation of the directions contained in the September 30, 2011, direction to modify letter. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security (LANS) are requesting this extension in order to focus efforts on accelerating the shipment of aboveground transuranic (TRU) waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory's Technical Area 54, Area G, to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. This focus will result in a material reduction of environmental risk. This acceleration of TRU waste shipments will also allow DOE/LANS to support the environmental priorities established by the New Mexico Environment Department and the State of New Mexico.

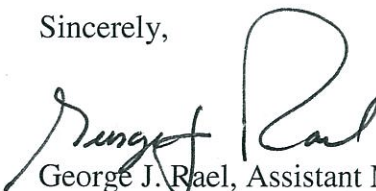
The new due date to submit the response to the direction to modify was developed to support the mutual goal of environmental risk reduction. DOE/LANS request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the Compliance Order on Consent.

If you have any questions, please contact Jarrett Rice at (505) 665-3874 (wjrice@lanl.gov) or Peter Maggiore at (505) 665-5658 (peter.maggiore@nnsa.doe.gov).

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