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Action Item Description:	Submittal date for the IWP is postponed from 3/26/2012 to 3/26/2014
Action Due Date:	3/26/2014
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RE: **APPROVAL** 

**EXTENSION REQUEST FOR** SUBMITTAL OF THE PHASE II INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN LOWER SANDIA CANYON AGGREGATE AREA LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID#NM0890010515

**HWB-LANL-11-019** 

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled Request for Extension to Submit the Phase II Investigation Work Plan for the Lower Sandia Canyon Aggregate Area (IWP) dated November 10, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0361.

The Permittees request the extension to submit the IWP due to the need to focus efforts on shipment of aboveground transuranic (TRU) waste from Technical Area (TA) 54 to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, located in Eddy County, New Mexico. The need to remove TRU waste stored at TA-54 is aligned with Governor Martinez' policy to prioritize groundwater and surface water protection and accelerate the removal of TRU waste stored at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

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The Permittees stated cause for the requested time extension is acceptable. The submittal date for the IWP is hereby postponed from March 26, 2012 to March 26, 2014, as requested. NMED may re-evaluate the need for this extension based on the Permittees' progress in accelerating removal of TRU waste from TA-54 or if new information becomes available that indicates off-site migration of contamination. The Permittees must notify NMED, within 30 days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow for the IWP to be prepared and submitted for the Lower Sandia Canyon Aggregate Area prior to March 26, 2014.

Please contact Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6042 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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