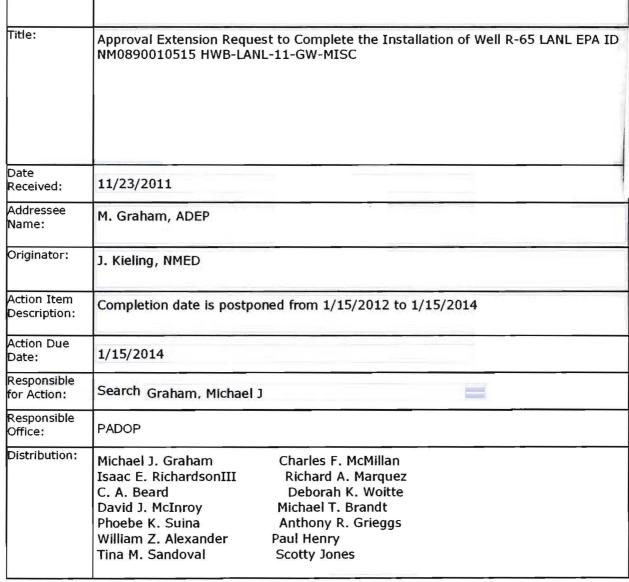
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RE: APPROVAL

EXTENSION REQUEST TO COMPLETE THE INSTALLATION OF WELL R-65 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID#NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-11-GW-MISC

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 Complete Well R-65* (Completion) dated November 10, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0389.

The Permittees request the extension to complete well R-65 due to the need to focus on removal of 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.

The Permittees stated cause for the requested time extension is acceptable. The submittal date for the Completion is hereby postponed from January 15, 2012 to January 15, 2014,

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as requested. NMED may re-evaluate the need for this extension based on the Permittees' progress in accelerating the removal of TRU waste from TA-54 or if new information is discovered related to detected or potential groundwater contamination in the vicinity of Technical Area 21. The Permittees must notify NMED, within 30 days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow for the installation of Well R-65 to be completed prior to January 15, 2014.

Please contact Dave Cobrain at (505) 476-6055 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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