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## CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 14, 2011

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RE: APPROVAL EXTENSION REQUEST TO SUBMIT THE CORRECTIVE MEASURES EVALUATION REPORT FOR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA C, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT 50-009, AT TECHNICAL AREA 50 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID#NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-11-050

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 Corrective Measures Evaluation Report for Material Disposal Area C, Solid Waste Management Unit 50-009, at Technical Area 50* (CME) dated December 2, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0247.

The Permittees requested the extension to complete the CME because NMED had not provided comments on the Material Disposal Area (MDA) C Phase III Investigation Report and the need to conduct additional vapor monitoring at the site. Subsequent to the receipt of the extension request, NMED issued an Approval with Modifications for the Phase III Investigation Report on December 8, 2011. The Approval with Modifications

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required additional vapor monitoring from selected vapor monitoring well sample ports to continue after the CME was scheduled to be submitted on February 29, 2012.

The Permittees stated cause for the requested time extension is acceptable; however, the extension request was submitted to NMED without the Permittees' knowledge that the Approval with Modifications for the MDA C Phase III Investigation Report would be issued six days after the request was submitted to NMED. NMED hereby approves a time extension to submit the MDA C CME Report from February 29, 2012 to **September 28, 2012**.

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

Sincerely,

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