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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST
TO SUBMIT THE WELL EVALUATION AND NETWORK
RECOMMENDATIONS STUDY REPORT FOR TECHNICAL AREA 16 AND
UPPER WATER CANYON WATERSHED
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
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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 Well Evaluation and Network Recommendations Study Report for Technical Area 16 and Upper Water Canyon Watershed* (Evaluation) dated December 7, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0404.

The Permittees request the extension to complete the Evaluation due to the need reprioritize the federal fiscal year 2012 schedule 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 reassessment of the schedule resulted in a delay in beginning preparation of the Evaluation. The need to remove TRU waste stored at TA-

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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 Evaluation is hereby postponed from January 3, 2012 to **March 30, 2012**, as requested.

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

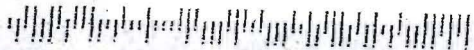
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