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| Date Received: | 2/14/2012 | | |
| Addressee Name: | Michael J. Graham, ADEP | | |
| Originator: | John E. Kieling, NMED, Santa Fe, New Mexico | | |
| Action Item Description: | Report must be submitted to NMED no later then April 20, 2012 | | |
| Action Due Date: | 4/20/2012 | | |
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RE: APPROVAL

ADDITIONAL EXTENSION REQUEST TO PLUG AND ABANDON TEST WELL 3 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID#NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-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 an Additional Extension to Plug and Abandon Test Well 3* (Request) dated February 2, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0038.

The Permittees request an additional time extension to plug and abandon Test Well 3 from February 10, 2012 to March 23, 2012. As stated in the Request, numerous and continuous problems at well H-19 such as borehole caving have occurred, causing unavoidable delays in completing the plugging of H-19. These delays have resulted in the delay in initiating the abandonment of Test Well 3. The unanticipated problems at H-19 constitute good cause for the Request. NMED hereby approves the requested time extension to plug and abandon Test Well 3 from February 10, 2012 to **March 23, 2012**. As proposed in the Request, the Permittees must submit a report summarizing the plugging and abandonment of Test Well 3 to NMED no later than **April 20, 2012**.

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Please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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