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Subject: Request for Extension to Respond to Notice of Disapproval for Phase II Investigation Work Plan for S-Site Aggregate Area


Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension to the March 15, 2012, due date to submit a response to the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) February 14, 2012, notice of disapproval (NOD) for the Phase II investigation work plan (IWP) for S-Site Aggregate Area (HWB-LANL-11-075).

As you know, the last several months have been dedicated to prioritizing fiscal year (FY) 2012 work to support accelerating the shipment of aboveground transuranic waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory's Technical Area 54, Area G, to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. Additionally, the FY2012 budget was significantly less than anticipated. Based on these conditions, the U.S. Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC (DOE/LANS) request a 6-month extension, until September 15, 2012, to submit a response to the NOD. DOE/LANS also request an additional 3-month extension, to December 31, 2012, to submit the revised Phase II IWP.

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Woody Woodworth at (505) 665-5820 (lance.woodworth@nnsa.doe.gov).

Sincerely,


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