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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Phase II Investigation Work Plan for the

Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension from the June 14, 2012, date to submit the Phase II investigation work plan for the Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area to a new date of June 14, 2013.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, request this extension in order to continue focusing on the accelerated shipment of aboveground transuranic (TRU) waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory's Technical Area 54, Area G, to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. This focus will result in a material reduction of environmental risk. This acceleration of TRU waste shipments will also allow DOE/LANS to support the environmental priorities established by the New Mexico Environment Department and the State of New Mexico.

This new date to submit the Phase II investigation work plan for the Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area was developed to support the mutual goal of environmental risk reduction. DOE/LANS request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent.

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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