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**Subject: Request for Extension to Submit Documents Stipulated in the Approval with Modifications for the Technical Area 16 Well Network and Evaluation and Recommendations**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension for the following actions required in the June 20, 2012, approval with modifications for the Technical Area 16 Well Network Evaluation and Recommendations:

- August 10, 2012, date to submit a work plan for regional well R-47 at location W11 to a new date of November 13, 2012
- August 17, 2012, date to submit the work plan to reconfigure well CdV-16-4ip to a new date of November 20, 2012
- August 24, 2012, date to submit the work plan to reconfigure well CdV-R-15-3 to a new date of November 27, 2012
- August 31, 2012, date to submit the work plan to reconfigure well CdV-R-37-2 to a new date of December 4, 2012
- September 7, 2012, date to submit the work plan for regional well W38 to a new date of December 11, 2012
- September 17, 2012, date to submit the work plan for plugging and abandoning R-25 to a new date of December 18, 2012

The following dates will remain the same per the approval with modifications:

- April 3, 2013, date to submit the geophysics report
- April 3, 2013, date to submit the work plan for the lower deep-intermediate well south of Cañon de Valle
- April 3, 2013, date to submit the work plan for the deep-intermediate well north of Cañon de Valle

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, request this extension in order to continue focusing efforts on accelerating the 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.

These new dates to submit the aforementioned work plans and letter were 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.

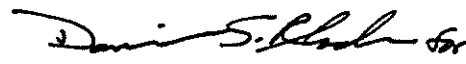
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Sincerely,



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