



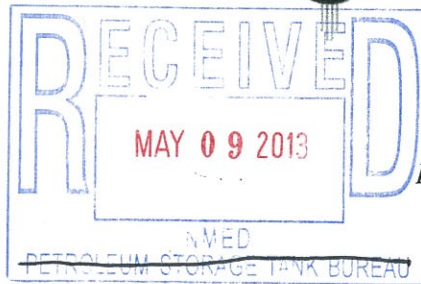
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Subject: Request for Extension to Reconfigure Well R-22

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension from the July 31, 2013, date to complete reconfiguration of well R-22, to a new date of June 30, 2014. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent.

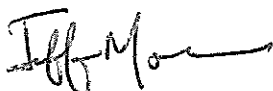
DOE/LANS request this extension to continue focusing efforts on accelerating the shipment of aboveground transuranic (TRU) waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory's Technical Area 54, Area G, to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). This focus will result in a material reduction of environmental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

Groundwater protection will not be sacrificed as a result of this extension. Well R-22 is in a stable configuration with isolation packers in place between well screens and aquifers. Additionally, to date, no contamination has been detected above a standard in upgradient well R-57. However, if contamination is confirmed to be present in well R-57, DOE/LANS will work with NMED to determine if the approved schedule for reconfiguration should be accelerated.

This new date is the result of the impacts of sequestration-level funding for the remainder of fiscal year 2013. This new date assumes additional funding will be available beginning January 1, 2014, to support the completion of this work by June 30, 2014. Should funding become available, we will work with your office to identify and prioritize projects that could be completed under the new funding scenario.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Paris at (505) 606-0915 (smparis@lanl.gov) or Hai Shen at (505) 665-5046 (hai.shen@nnsa.doe.gov).

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