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**Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Investigation Work Plan for South Ancho Canyon**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension from the September 30, 2013, date to submit the Investigation Work Plan for South Ancho Canyon 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 and the State of New Mexico. This new date is the result of the impacts of sequestration-level funding for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2013 and anticipated priorities in FY2014.

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Cheryl Rodriguez at (505) 665-5330 (cheryl.rodriguez@nnsa.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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