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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST TO SUBMIT THE PHASE II INVESTIGATION WORK
PLAN FOR THE POTRILLO AND FENCE CANYONS AGGREGATE AREA
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-11-043**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension to Submit the Phase II Investigation Work Plan for Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area*, dated April 27, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0114.

The Permittees request the extension to submit the Phase II investigation work plan for the Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area (IWP) due to the need to focus efforts on shipment of aboveground transuranic (TRU) waste from Technical Area (TA) 54 to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, located in Eddy County, New Mexico. The need to remove TRU waste stored at TA-54 is aligned with Governor Martinez' policy to prioritize groundwater and surface water protection and accelerate the removal of TRU waste stored at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

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The IWP was due to NMED by June 14, 2012. NMED finds the stated cause for the requested time extension acceptable. The submittal of the IWP is hereby postponed from June 14, 2012 to **June 14, 2013**, as requested.

NMED may re-evaluate the need for these extensions based on the Permittees' progress in accelerating removal of TRU waste from TA-54 or if new information becomes available that indicates off-site migration of contamination. The Permittees must notify NMED, within 30 days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow for the IWP to be prepared and submitted prior to June 14, 2013.

Please contact Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6042 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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