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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL FOR THE 2012
MONITORING PLAN FOR LOS ALAMOS AND PUEBLO CANYONS
SEDIMENT TRANSPORT MITIGATION PROJECT
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-12-016**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

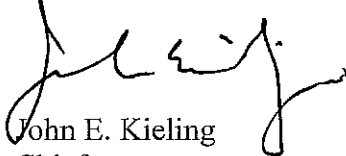
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Request for Extension for the Response to the Notice of Disapproval for the 2012 Monitoring Plan for the Los Alamos and Pueblo Canyons Sediment Transport Mitigation Project* (Request), dated April 25, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0112. The Permittees cite the short turnaround time and the limited availability of resources needed to respond to the comments and revise the document. The Permittees also cite potential conflicts between requirements of the NOD and the existing memorandum of understanding with the Buckman Direct Diversion Project; however, an explanation of these potential conflicts was not provided.

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NMED hereby grants the request. The revised *2012 Monitoring Plan for Los Alamos and Pueblo Canyons Sediment Transport Mitigation Project* must be submitted to NMED no later than **May 31, 2012**, as requested.

Please contact Ben Wear at (505) 476-6041 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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