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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 16, 2013

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**RE: SECOND EXTENSION REQUEST TO OBTAIN PERMITS AND
DEPLOY TRACERS FOR THE TRACER TEST AT
CONSOLIDATED UNIT 16-021(c)-99 [INCLUDING R-25B AND CDV-16-1(i)]
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890018
HWB-LANL-12-005**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Mousseau:

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 for the Permits and Tracer Deployment for Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99 [Including R-25b and CdV-16-1(i)]* dated May 9, 2013 and referenced by EP2013-0091. This request is preceded by an extension request dated November 20, 2012 (referenced by EP2012-0233) to extend the submittal date from January 27, 2013 to May 30, 2013.

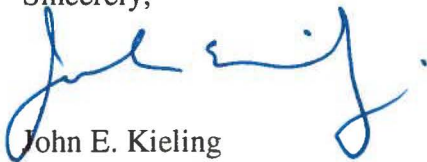
The submittal date for the Response has been changed from May 30, 2013 to **March 31 2014**, as requested.

NMED notes that this is the second extension requested by the Permittees to initiate the

tracer test from the original tracer deployment date of January 27, 2013. NMED is concerned over delays that affect the progress of groundwater characterization and remediation; however, NMED is aware of the current uncertainties associated with the allocation of DOE resources to LANS to fund groundwater cleanup at the Laboratory. The Permittees must notify NMED, within seven days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow for the tracer test to be implemented prior to March 31, 2014. If funding becomes available, NMED may re-evaluate the deadline for completion of this project.

Please contact Dave Cobrain at (505) 476-6055 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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