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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Response to the Notice of Disapproval and Revision 1 of the Investigation Report for Water Canyon/Cañon de Valle (South Canyons)

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) request an extension to the January 31, 2015, deadline to submit the Response to the Notice of Disapproval (NOD) and Revision 1 of the Investigation Report for Water Canyon/Cañon de Valle to a new date of January 31, 2016. DOE/LANS request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order).

In January 2012, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and DOE/LANS entered into a Framework Agreement for Realignment of Environmental Priorities (Framework Agreement) at Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory). In accordance with Section 5 of the Framework Agreement, NMED and DOE/LANS engaged in an Annual Work Planning Process (AWP) for fiscal year (FY) 2015 beginning on October 17, 2014, and continued the AWP process on November 20, 2014. As stated in the Framework Agreement, the objective of the AWP is “to assess and refocus the environmental remediation and cleanup work at the Laboratory to ensure alignment with the Governor’s priorities, consider input from the public, and find efficiencies that maximize the use of federal funds.” In the meeting held on November 20, 2014, DOE/LANS presented the proposed work scope under the Consent Order for the remainder of FY2015 and also provided a list of deliverables that could not be completed in FY2015 (i.e., “unfunded scope”).

The response to the NOD and Revision 1 of the report were included in the list of deliverables that could not be completed in FY2015. Therefore, DOE/LANS are requesting an extension to a new date of January 31, 2016, as a result of funding constraints and work priorities.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Veenis at (505) 667-0013 (veenis@lanl.gov) or Cheryl Rodriguez at (505) 665-5330 (cheryl.rodriguez@nnsa.doe.gov).

Sincerely,



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