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February 3, 2015

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RE: EXTENSION REQUEST

TO SUBMIT THE REMEDY COMPLETION REPORT FOR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA AB AT TECHNICAL AREA 49 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID#NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-11-018

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Brandt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled Request to Defer Submittal of the Remedy Completion Report for Material Disposal Area AB at Technical Area 49 dated January 28, 2015 and referenced by ADESH-15-005.

The Permittees request an extension to submit the Remedy Completion Report (RCR) for Material Disposal Area (MDA) AB. NMED has granted extensions based on the Permittees' need to divert resources to remove transuranic waste in accordance with the Framework Agreement. The Permittees cite the need to initiate or complete predecessor activities necessary to prepare the RCR, including the Phase II investigation. The Phase II Investigation Report for Technical Area 49 Inside the Nuclear Environmental Site Boundary, which includes work to be completed at MDA AB, received a two-year extension on December 6, 2011 and was due on

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September 30, 2014. The Permittees did not submit this report. Based on the Permittees' inability to meet the deadlines that they committed to in the Framework Agreement and the previous extension request, this request for extension to submit the RCR is hereby denied.

NMED is concerned over delays that affect the progress of corrective action including characterization and remediation. The Permittees must submit the RCR no later than **January 31, 2015**, as previously scheduled.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ben Wear of my staff at (505) 476-6041.

Sincerely,

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