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August 20, 2015

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**RE: DEFFERAL
REMEDY COMPLETION REPORT FOR WATER CANYON/CAÑON DE
VALLE AGGREGATE AREAS
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-11-080**

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Dear Ms. Gelles and Mr. Brandt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Request to Defer Submittal of the Remedy Completion Report for Water Canyon/Cañon de Valle Aggregate Areas* (Request), dated August 13, 2015 and referenced by ADESH-15-116.

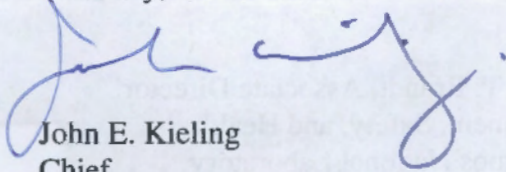
The Permittees are requesting a deferral for submittal of the Remedy Completion Report for Water Canyon/Cañon de Valle Aggregate Areas (RCR). The Permittees state that the reason for the deferral is “[b]ecause a sequence of predecessor activities necessary to prepare the RCR have not been initiated or completed. These predecessor activities include the investigations of Upper Water Canyon Aggregate Area, Lower Water Canyon Aggregate Area, Cañon de Valle Aggregate Area TA-14, Cañon de Valle Aggregate Area TA-15, Cañon de Valle Aggregate Area TA-16, Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area, and S-Site Aggregate Area. These activities must be completed before the RCR can be prepared and submitted.”

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The NMED does not concur with the Permittees that the above mentioned investigations must be completed before the RCR for Water Canyon/Cañon de Valle Aggregate Areas can be prepared because no individual action conducted at a specific aggregate area will necessarily delay completion of corrective actions at another aggregate area. However, the NMED does concur that there are some predecessor activities that must be completed prior to submittal of a RCR. Therefore, the NMED hereby approves this Request. The NMED will establish submittal dates for the required documents for each Aggregate Area, as appropriate.

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

Sincerely,



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