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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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**RE: SIXTH EXTENSION REQUEST TO DEPLOY TRACERS AT  
CONSOLIDATED UNIT 16-021(c)-99  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID#NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-12-005**

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, L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Request for Extension to Deploy Tracers at Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99*, dated September 18, 2015 and referenced by ADESH-15-139 (Request).

The Permittees request an extension to deploy tracers at Technical Area (TA)-16. This is the sixth extension requested to deploy the tracers (the previous extensions were granted on August 9, 2012, November 20, 2012, May 16, 2013, May 5, 2014, and January 2, 2015).

The Permittees provided a series of reasons to justify the extension request. It is NMED's opinion that the reasons provided are the result of inadequate planning by the Permittees. While NMED does not believe there is entirely appropriate justification for an extension, it also realizes that there is no possibility of deploying the tracers by the required date.

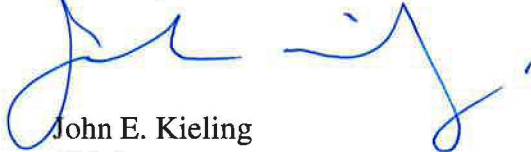
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NMED hereby grants an extension to deploy the tracers at Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99. The new date to deploy the tracers is **December 18, 2015**, as requested.

Please be advised that this will be the last extension provided for the deployment of tracers at Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99, unless good cause for an extension is shown.

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

Sincerely,



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