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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION TO INSTALL THE ANGLED
BORING FOR SANDIA WETLAND BOREHOLE 1 (SWB-1)
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-12-053**

Dear Messrs. Hintze and Brandt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for a Two-Year Extension to Install the Angled Boring for Sandia Wetland Borehole 1(SWB-1)* (Request), dated February 3, 2016 and referenced by ADESH-16-009.

The Permittees request a two-year extension to install the angled boring SWB-1 in order to collect more groundwater data from regional aquifer well R-67 to confirm if the low concentrations of chromium and nitrate in that well persist and if the upgradient extent of the chromium plume is defined. This is the second extension request to install SWB-1, with the previous extension granted on June 24, 2015.

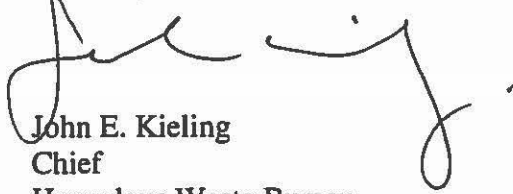
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NMED hereby grants the requested extension. The new date to complete installation of SWB-1 is **June 30, 2018**, as requested.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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