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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO COMPLETE
REGIONAL AQUIFER WELL R-61r
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

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 Extension to Complete Regional Aquifer Well R-61r* (Request), dated April 20, 2016 and referenced by ADESH-16-055.

The Permittees request a twenty-one-month extension to complete the regional aquifer well R-61r, which will replace existing well R-61. The Permittees state in the Request that the extension will allow them to collect and evaluate monitoring data from recently installed and soon-to-be-installed monitoring points that consist of piezometers, chromium extraction wells, and injection wells. These data may affect the final location of R-61r. In addition, the Permittees state that the installation of R-61r is not prioritized within the work scope for the fiscal years 2016 and 2017 under the 2015 LANL Legacy Cleanup Bridge Contract.

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NMED hereby grants the requested extension. The Permittees must complete well R-61r no later than **March 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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