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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

June 3, 2016

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**RE: APPROVAL  
SECOND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO INITIATE PUMPING TESTS  
AT CrEX-1 and CrEX-3  
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 *Second Request for Extension to Initiate Pumping Tests at CrEX-1 and CrEX-3* (Request), dated May 25, 2016 and referenced by ADESH-16-079.

The Permittees request a one-month extension to initiate pumping tests at CrEX-1 and CrEX-3. The Permittees state in the Request that the extension will allow them to conduct an extended purge/sampling effort in a nearby piezometer, introduce tracers into a nearby piezometer prior to CrEX-1 pumping, and process currently stored contaminated groundwater to free up storage capacity. The Permittees have provided just cause for this extension.

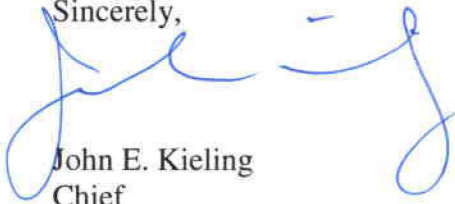
NMED hereby grants the requested extension. The Permittees must initiate pumping tests at CrEX-1 and CrEX-3 no later than **June 30, 2016**, as requested.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Dale of my staff at (505) 476-3078.

Sincerely,



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