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**RE: APPROVAL REQUEST FOR A 90 DAY EXTENSION OF ALTERNATIVE
INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR SHED 1028 AT TECHNICAL
AREA 54, AREA G, PAD 5
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-MISC**

Dear Ms. Armijo and Mr. Bretzke:

The New Mexico Environment Department (Department) has received from the United States Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Security, LLC, (collectively, the Permittees) a *Request for a 90 Day Extension of Alternative Inspection Requirements for Shed 1028 at Technical Area 54 (TA), Area G, Pad 5* and referenced by EPC-DO-16-379 and LA-UR-16-29140 dated December 6, 2016 and received December 7, 2016.

On September 16, 2016, the Permittees notified the Department by phone and electronic mail (email) of the need for an alternative inspection requirement for waste containers (C09203611, C09203612, C09203613, and C09203614) stored within a portion of the permitted unit at Technical Area (TA) 54-1028. The requested alternative inspection would involve a visual inspection in lieu of the complete inspection of containers as required by the Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Section 2.6. On September 16, 2016, the Department approved of the Permittee request for 30 calendar days. Subsequently, on October

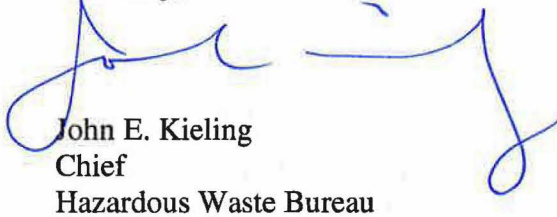
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13, 2016, the Permittees requested an additional 60-day extension request for the same waste containers; which was approved by the Department on October 19, 2016 with the requirement that the Permittees summarize these events in a formal submittal to the Department. The submittal *Notification of Alternative Inspection Requirements for Shed 1028 at Technical Area 54, Area G, Pad 5* was received by the Department on November 8, 2016 (EPC-DO-16-330/LA-UR-16-28117).

The Department hereby grants the 90-day extension of alternative inspection requirements for TA-54-1028; the new date for the resumption of complete inspection in accordance with Permit Section 2.6 is now **March 8, 2017**, as requested. Please contact Siona Briley of my staff at 505-476-6049 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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