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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR
THE STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID# NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Roberts and Ms. Armijo,

The New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) is in receipt of Los Alamos National Laboratory’s (“LANL”) letter, dated February 8, 2018, requesting an extension to store hazardous waste in permitted areas TA-54, Area L, and TA-55 past the permitted one-year storage time; and store hazardous waste in 90-day central accumulation storage areas TA-22, TA36-48, TA-3-66, TA-3-1819-103, TA-48, and TA-35-85E over 90 days. LANL stated the extensions were requested due to a pause in shipments at the beginning of December, which was related to incorrectly identified hazardous waste. NMED has reviewed the request and is granting the extension for storage until Feb 28, 2018.

Please be aware that the extension, while authorizing the extended storage of certain waste, does not relieve LANL of its duties related to the proper management of that waste, nor does it create a waiver of NMED’s enforcement authority related to the underlying cause that necessitated the need for an extension.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss this correspondence further. We appreciate LANL's efforts to communicate with NMED regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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