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**RE: EXTENSION REQUEST
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL
TRIENNIAL REVIEW CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Maggiore:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE's) *Request for Extension of Time to Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Independent External Triennial Review Corrective Actions* (Request), dated November 13, 2018 and received November 13, 2018.

Pursuant to the January 22, 2016, Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Final Order (SA) signed by NMED, DOE, and Los Alamos National Security, LLC. (LANS), DOE was required to fund independent, external triennial reviews of environmental regulatory compliance and operations to identify any regulatory deficiencies at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

First triennial review was conducted by Parsons Enterprise Construction Management Services, and several deficiencies were identified. The Report was submitted on September 14, 2018. The SA requires that DOE correct these deficiencies within 60 calendar days of the finalization of the triennial review report. DOE is requesting an extension of time to evaluate the potential

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regulatory deficiencies and determine corrective actions. The reasons provided is the recent contract transition from LANS to Triad National security, LLC (Triad) which occurred on November 1, 2018. In addition, additional time is required because coordination is required between Triad and Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC (N3B) to address the potential deficiencies. The corrective actions may require DOE to engage NMED.

DOE has shown a good cause for the Request. NMED hereby approves the DOE request for a 60-day extension to January 12, 2019, to address the deficiencies.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6042.

Sincerely,



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