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**Subject: Request for Extension of Time Closure of Technical Area 16-399 Open Burn Unit, Los Alamos National Laboratory**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

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Because of this delay, DOE and Triad hereby request a 30 day extension of time to complete closure activities at TA-16-399 Burn Tray. If this extension is approved, the new deadline for completing closure activities would be September 26, 2019 and a closure certification report would be delivered to the NMED on or before November 25, 2019.

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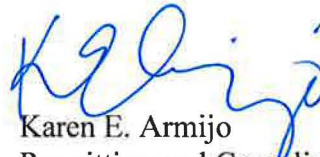
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