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October 25, 2019

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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
CLOSURE OF TECHNICAL AREA 16-399 OPEN BURN UNIT
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-12-040**

Dear Messrs. Pugh and Torres:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Triad National Security, LLC (Triad)'s (collectively the Permittees) *Request for Second Extension of Time Closure of Technical 16-366 Open Burn Unit* (Request) dated and received October 23, 2019; and referenced by EPC-DO-19-387/LA-UR-19-30332.

On August 8, 2019, the Permittees requested an extension to complete the closure activities at 16-399 open burn unit that was approved on August 14, 2019. In accordance with approved closure plan for 16-399, the Permittees completed closure on September 26, 2019 but determined that the unit did not achieve closure performance standards. The second extension request is to remove soil from beneath the concrete pad where RDX levels were detected

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above the residential soil screening levels and to perform confirmatory sampling. Risk assessment will also be revised after collection of additional data.

The Permittees have provided a good cause for a 90-day extension request. NMED hereby approves a 90-day extension to complete closure activities at Technical Area (TA) 16-399 Open Burn Unit. The Permittees must submit the closure certification report by **February 23, 2020**.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Siona Briley at (505) 476-6049.

Sincerely,



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Good Afternoon,
Please see attachment.

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