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Subject: Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Disapproval of Closure Certification Report for Technical Area 16-399 Open Burn Unit

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Field Office and Triad National Security, LLC (Triad) submit this request to the New Mexico Environment Department-Hazardous Waste Bureau (NMED-HWB) for an extension of time to respond to a Disapproval letter received from the NMED-HWB on November 18, 2020. The letter presents comments regarding the TA-16-399 Open Burn Unit Closure Certification Report submitted to the NMED-HWB on February 20, 2020 and requires a response by January 17, 2021.

Because of scheduling conflicts and difficulties obtaining data necessary for a discussion with the NMED-HWB prior to drafting the response, a meeting was not requested until December. During a virtual meeting, held December 23, 2020, DOE/Triad received guidance and a path forward to respond to the Disapproval and are currently working on the correct scope of the risk assessment, as discussed with the NMED-HWB. Because of the delay and the scope of the risk assessment revision, DOE/Triad request a 60-day extension of time to respond to the November 18, 2020 Disapproval letter. If approved, the new deadline for the response will be March 18, 2021.

If you have questions or comments concerning this request, please contact Karen E. Armijo, DOE, at (505) 665-7314, karen.armijo@nnsa.doe.gov, or Patrick L. Padilla, Triad, at (505) 412-0462, plpadilla@lanl.gov.

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