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Subject: Request for Extension of Time for the Submittal of the Revised North Ancho Canyon Aggregate Area Investigation Report

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

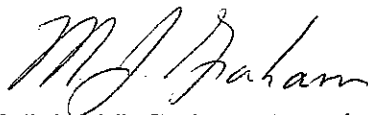
This letter requests an extension from the current date of December 4, 2009, to February 2, 2010, to respond to the Notice of Disapproval (NOD) for the Investigation Report for North Ancho Canyon Aggregate Area (Report) and to submit a revised report. These activities are required by the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) November 4, 2009, NOD for the report. Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) is requesting this 60-day extension to incorporate the results of cleanup activities that have been completed since the report was submitted and to make extensive revisions to the organization of the report requested by NMED.

Specific Comment 1 of the NOD requires the Laboratory to submit a work plan for additional remediation activities at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 39-001(a). As discussed in a meeting with NMED staff on November 18, 2009, cleanup of SWMU 39-001(a), which was ongoing at the time the report was submitted, has been completed, and no work plan is needed. The results of this cleanup, however, cannot be incorporated into a revised report by December 4, 2009. As discussed with NMED, incorporating this information into the revised report would avoid the need to prepare an additional revision to the report at a future date and would ensure that the revised report documents the status of all activities completed to date. Since the report was submitted, excavation of contaminated soil at SWMU 39-001(a) has been completed, preliminary data indicating that cleanup levels were met have been received, confirmatory samples to document cleanup have been collected, and analysis of these samples is being completed. Once all data are received and validated, the Laboratory will perform human health and ecological risk screening assessments for SWMU 39-001(a) using these data, incorporate the results of these assessments into the report, and update the report text, appendices, tables, and figures.

General Comment 1 of the NOD requires the Laboratory to present information now contained in the Report's Data Review Appendix (Appendix B) in appropriate sections of the main body of the Report. As discussed at the November 18 meeting, this change to the organization of the report is being requested to facilitate NMED's review of the report. Reorganizing the report in this manner will require incorporating information from Appendix B into the correct sections of the main report, revising the text formerly in Appendix B so that the report is internally consistent, and updating figures, tables, and associated callouts. These changes must also be coordinated with the changes associated with the SWMU 39-001(a) cleanup. Because of the large size of Appendix B, which currently has more pages of text than the main report, these revisions cannot be completed by December 4, 2009, but can be completed by the proposed extension date.

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Suzy Schulman at (505) 606-1962 (sschulman@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,



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