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**RE: EXTENSION REQUEST TO COMPLETE THE
TECHNICAL AREA 54 MONITORING GROUP
LONG-TERM MONITORING WELL R-22
SCREEN 3 REDEVELOPMENT AND PUMP INSTALLATION
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890018
HWB-LANL-12-037**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Mousseau:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension to Complete the Technical Area 54 Monitoring Group's Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring Well R-22 (Screen 3 Redevelopment and Pump Installation)* (well reconfiguration) dated November 7, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0275. This letter replaces NMED's letter addressing the extension request dated November 20, 2012 that incorrectly referenced a report in the second paragraph.

The Permittees request the extension to complete the well reconfiguration due to their re-allocation of resources to the shipment of transuranic (TRU) waste stored at Technical

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Area (TA) 54 to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, located in Eddy County, New Mexico and due to uncertainties in funding levels for the current federal fiscal year (FFY13). The date for completion of the well reconfiguration has been changed from January 31, 2013 to **July 31, 2013**, as requested.

NMED is concerned that delays in the reconfiguration of Well R-22 may adversely affect the progress of corrective action at Technical Area 54; however, NMED understands the current uncertainties associated with the allocation of DOE resources to LANS to fund corrective action at the laboratory. The Permittees must notify NMED, within seven days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow for the redevelopment and reconfiguration of Regional Aquifer Well R-22 to a single screened well prior to July 31, 2013. If funding becomes available, NMED may re-evaluate the deadline for completion of this project.

Please contact Dave Cobrain at (505) 476-6055 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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