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June 28, 2011

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**RE: EXTENSION REQUEST
HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, EPA ID# NM0890010515**

Dear Messrs. Smith and Cantwell:

This letter responds to a June 27, 2011 request from Los Alamos National Security, LLC and the National Nuclear Security Administration, collectively the "Permittees," for an extension to the due dates on various Los Alamos National Laboratory (Laboratory) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) required documents or actions. The request explains that the Las Conchas Wildfire forced closure of the Laboratory on the day of the request for an undetermined period of time and the Permittees request a two-week extension from the date the Laboratory re-opens for Permit requirements normally due either June 28 or June 30, 2011. Also requested is the same extension for submittal of New Mexico Environment Department (Department) requested documents associated with the Department's June 2011 annual RCRA inspection. The request explains that the two-week extension is necessary for the Laboratory to address various activities associated with re-opening.

Permit documents or actions due June 28, 2011 include:

- Class III Permit Modification Request for two Open Detonation (OD) Units at Technical Areas (TAs) 39-6 and 36-8 (Permit Section 1.4.1);

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- Closure Plans for Interim Status Units; TA-54 Shafts 145 and 146; TA-54 Shafts 36 and 37; OD Unit TA-39-57; and OD / Open Burn (OB) Units TA-14-23 (Permit Section 1.4.1);
- Establishment and publishing on the environmental webpage of the Community Relations Plan (Permit Section 1.12); and
- Notification of the physical location of the Information Repository (Permit Section 1.10) and establishment of the electronic Information Repository.

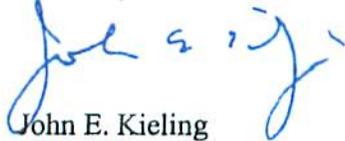
Documents due June 30, 2011 include:

- Notice of Demolitions Activities Quarterly Report (Permit Section 1.17); and
- Annual Unit Affidavits.

The Department hereby approves this extension request. All above referenced documents or actions are due two weeks from the date the Laboratory re-opens. The Permittees shall notify the Department within the week the Laboratory re-opens of the date that the Laboratory re-opened.

If you have any questions please contact Steve Pullen at 505.476.6044.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Extension Request for Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Requirements

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Dear Mr. Kieling:

I am sending this email from my home address. When responding, please do so to everyone identified on the cc list.

Per conversations with Steve Pullen of the New Mexico Environment Department Hazardous Waste Bureau (NMED-HWB) on June 27, 2011, the Los Alamos National Security LLC (LANS) and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) or Permittees are requesting extensions on various Los Alamos National Laboratory (Laboratory) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) requirements. The Las Conchas Wildfire has forced closure of the Laboratory beginning Monday June 27, 2011 for an undetermined period of time. The Permittees are requesting a two-week extension from the date the Laboratory re-opens for the following Permit requirements normally due June 28, 2011:

- Class III Permit Modification Request for two Open Detonation (OD) Units at Technical Areas (TAs) 39-6 and 36-8 (Permit Section 1.4.1).
- Closure Plans for Interim Status Units; TA-54 Shafts 145 and 146; TA-54 Shafts 36 and 37; OD Unit TA-39-57; and OD / Open Burn (OB) Units TA-14-23 (Permit Section 1.4.1).
- Establishment and publishing on the environmental webpage of the Community Relations Plan (Permit Section 1.12).
- Notification of the physical location of the Information Repository (Permit Section 1.10) and establishment of the electronic Information Repository.

Additionally, the Permittees are requesting a two-week extension from the date that the Laboratory re-opens for submittal of the Notice of Demolitions Activities Quarterly Report (Permit Section 1.17) and the Annual Unit Affidavits (for no use) due June 30, 2011. Laboratory Facilities may also miss required self-inspections at various Treatment Storage and Disposal Facilities (TSDFs) however; all waste is in a safe configuration. Conditions will be verified upon re-entry. The Laboratory is requesting the same extension for submittal of NMED-HWB requested documents associated with the June 2011 NMED-HWB Annual RCRA Inspections.

Finally, the Public Meeting for the New TRU Facility scheduled for today (June 27, 2011) from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at the Holiday Inn in Los Alamos has been cancelled. This meeting will be re-scheduled at a later date to be determined.

The two-week extension is necessary for the Laboratory to address various activities associated with re-opening. Please contact me at (505) 699-1733 if additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely

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