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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit Well R-33 Rehabilitation and Conversion Summary Report

Reference: Letter, Bearzi to Messrs. Gregory and McInroy, dated December 7, 2007

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)-approved schedule for completion of well rehabilitation and conversion activities at well R-33 calls for completion of field activities by January 31, 2008, and submittal of a summary report by February 29, 2008 (reference). The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the difficulties experienced in the fieldwork at R-33 and consequently, to request an extension of the submittal date of the summary report.

During January 2008, various methods were attempted to extricate the Barcad sampling system from well R-33 so testing and replacement of the system with a Baski dual-pump system could take place. Every method tried was unsuccessful. On January 17, 2008, a decision was made to hire a company with expertise in "fishing" equipment from wells. The company arrived today and the fishing expedition has begun. We have no idea at this time how complicated or lengthy this activity will be. Nevertheless, we have prepared a schedule that anticipates completion of the rehabilitation testing and sampling activities by March 5, 2008. In the meantime, Westbay personnel will be here on February 4, 2008, for removal of the Westbay sampling system at R-14. We expect that rehabilitation activities at R-33 will not affect the schedule of activities performed at R-14.

By this letter we are requesting a new submittal date of April 5, 2008, for submittal of the R-33 well rehabilitation and completion summary report.

If you have any questions, please contact Ardyth Simmons at (505) 665-3935 (asimmons@lanl.gov) or Mat Johansen at (505) 665-5046 (mjohansen@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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