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Mr. James Bearzi, Chief
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Subject: Request for Extension to Respond to Notice of Disapproval and Submit a Revised Pilot Test Report for Evaluating Soil-Vapor Extraction at Material Disposal Area G

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) and the U.S. Department of Energy are responding to New Mexico Environmental Department's (NMED's) notice of disapproval (NOD) and requesting an extension for providing responses to comments and for the delivery date associated with the Pilot Test Report for Evaluating Soil-Vapor Extraction at Material Disposal Area G from January 9, 2009, to February 13, 2009. This request for an extension is submitted pursuant to Section III.J.2 of the Compliance Order on Consent.

On December 24, 2008, the Laboratory received the NOD that NMED issued in its letter dated December 19, 2008, for the Pilot Test Report for Evaluating Soil-Vapor Extraction at Material Disposal Area G at Technical Area 54. The Laboratory was closed on December 25, 2008, and operations restarted on January 5, 2009, the first day to begin addressing NMED's comments. Following a detailed review of the four general and four specific comments and discussions with your staff, additional time will be required to prepare the report presenting data in the format requested by your department. The report will also be revised to further discuss the feasibility of this technology for use in remedial alternatives presented in the MDA G corrective measures evaluation report and to support the design of a full-scale soil-vapor extraction system at MDA G.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Paris at (505) 606-0915 (smparis@lanl.gov) or Ed Worth at (505) 606-0398 (eworth@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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