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Subject: Extension Request for the Response to Notice of Disapproval forUpper Cañada del Buey Aggregate Area Investigation Report

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are in receipt of the "Notice of Disapproval Investigation Report for Upper Cañada del Buey Aggregate Area," dated March 18, 2011, and received on March 22, 2011. The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the April 8, 2011, deadline specified in the notice of disapproval (NOD) to submit a response to the NOD and a revised investigation report.

The investigation report contains the results of investigation of 56 solid waste management units and areas of concern. The NOD contains 50 comments, many of which require changes to various sections of the report. The text in the report includes numerous cross-references to information presented in tables and in figures and plates. The requested revisions, therefore, will require extensive cross-checking to ensure all information presented in the text, tables, figures, and plates is consistent. Given the nature and number of comments, LANS and DOE estimate that the time needed to respond to these comments, make the corresponding revisions, and provide a table that details where all revisions were made will exceed the current deadline, which is 17 days after receipt of the NOD. LANS and DOE, therefore, are requesting an extension of 30 days, to May 9, 2011, to submit the NOD response and a revised investigation report.

If you have any questions, please contact Kent Rich at (505) 665-4272 (krich@lanl.gov) or Cheryl Rodriguez at (505) 665-5330 (crodriguez2@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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