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Subject: Request for Extension for the Submittal of the Response to the Notice of Disapproval for and Revision 1 of the Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area Investigation Report

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are in receipt of the "Notice of Disapproval (for the) Investigation Report for Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area," dated September 21, 2011, and received on September 26, 2011. The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the October 21, 2011, deadline specified in the notice of disapproval (NOD) to submit a response to the NOD and a revised investigation report.

The NOD contains 32 comments, many of which request changes to numerous sections of the report as well as additional evaluation of existing data. The text in the report includes numerous cross-references to information presented in tables and figures and on plates. The requested revisions, therefore, will require extensive cross-checking to ensure all information presented in text, tables, figures, and plates is consistent. The NOD also requires presentation of data in a new format and generation of a large number of new data tables. Because of the nature and number of comments, LANS and DOE estimate that the effort required to respond to these comments and make the corresponding revisions to the report will require longer than the 25 days after receipt of the NOD. LANS and DOE, therefore, are requesting an extension of 40 days to November 30, 2011, to submit the NOD response and revised investigation report.

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Woody Woodworth at (505) 665-5820 (lwoodworth@doeal.gov).

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