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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Investigation Work Plan for Lower Water/Indio Canyon Aggregate Area

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension from the September 30, 2012, date to submit the Investigation Work Plan for Lower Water/Indio Canyon Aggregate Area to a new date of September 30, 2014. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, request this extension in order to focus efforts on accelerating the shipment of aboveground transuranic (TRU) waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory's Technical Area 54, Area G, to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. This focus will result in a material reduction of environmental risk. This acceleration of TRU waste shipments will also allow DOE/LANS to support the environmental priorities established by the New Mexico Environment Department and the State of New Mexico.

This new date to submit the investigation work plan for Lower Water/Indio Canyon Aggregate Area was developed to support the mutual goal of environmental risk reduction. DOE/LANS request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent.

If you have any questions, please contact Jarrett Rice at (505) 500-5673 (wjrice@lanl.gov) or Peter Maggiore at (505) 665-5658 (peter.maggiore@nnsa.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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