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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Response to the Direction to Modify the Phase II Investigation Report for Middle Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area, Revision 1

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension from the November 30, 2013, date to submit the response to the direction to modify the Phase II Investigation Report for Middle Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area, Revision 1 to a new date of June 30, 2014. This will include a response letter, a table cross-referencing the numbered comments in New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) letter, and Revision 2 of the Phase II investigation report, including any additional work proposed for the next phase of investigation (Phase III). The U.S. Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Security, LLC (DOE/LANS) request this extension under Section III.J.2 of the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent.

DOE/LANS request this extension to continue focusing 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 NMED and the State of New Mexico.

This new date is the result of the impacts of sequestration-level funding for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2014. Although this work is not currently funded in FY2014, per discussions with the NMED, we are requesting an extension only until June 30, 2014. We anticipate that before June 30, 2014, we will submit an additional extension request with a revised date based on NMED priorities, funding constraints, and adequate time to complete the work. Additionally, should funding become available, we will work with your office to identify and prioritize projects that could be completed under the new funding scenario.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Roberts at (505) 665-0006 (kroberts@lanl.gov) or David Rhodes at (505) 665-5325 (david.rhodes@nnsa.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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