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**Subject: Request for Extension to Submit Proposed Location for Regional Aquifer Well R-59**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests an extension for the date to submit the proposed location for regional aquifer well R-59. Because of the force majeure event associated with the lapse in federal appropriations as set forth in our letter dated November 7, 2013, the due date to submit the proposed location for regional well R-59 was impacted and a new due date of November 27, 2013, was proposed. We are requesting an extension from the November 27, 2013, date to a new date of June 30, 2014. 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 New Mexico Environment Department (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.

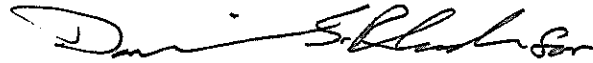
If you have any questions, please contact Katie Roberts at (505) 665-0006 (kroberts@lanl.gov) or David Rhodes at (505) 665-5325 (david.rhodes@nnsa.doe.gov).

Sincerely,



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