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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Investigation Report for Cañon de Valle Aggregate Area, Technical Area 16

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) request an extension to the December 15, 2014, deadline to submit the Investigation Report for Cañon de Valle Aggregate Area, Technical Area 16 to a new date of October 31, 2018. 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 (Consent Order).

In January 2012, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and DOE/LANS entered into a *Framework Agreement: Realignment of Environmental Priorities* (Framework Agreement) at Los Alamos National Laboratory. In accordance with Section 5 of the Framework Agreement, NMED and DOE/LANS engaged in an Annual Work Planning Process (AWP) for fiscal year (FY) 2015 beginning on October 17, 2014, and continued the AWP process on November 20, 2014. As stated in the Framework Agreement, the objective of the AWP is "to assess and refocus the environmental remediation and cleanup work at the Laboratory to ensure alignment with the Governor's priorities, consider input from the public, and find efficiencies that maximize the use of federal funds." In the meeting held on November 20, 2014, DOE/LANS presented the proposed work scope under the Consent Order for the remainder of FY2015 and also provided a list of deliverables that could not be completed in FY2015 (i.e., "unfunded scope").

This investigation report for Cañon de Valle Aggregate Area, Technical Area 16, was part of the reprioritized scope discussed during the aforementioned AWP meeting, and it was included in the list of unfunded scope documents presented on November 20, 2014. Furthermore, several predecessor activities (e.g., procurement, field sampling, and data analysis) must be completed before the investigation report for Cañon de Valle Aggregate Area, Technical Area 16, can be prepared and submitted. Therefore, DOE/LANS are requesting an extension to October 31, 2018, based on the need to address higher groundwater and surface water protection priorities and allow adequate time to perform predecessor activities.

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 605-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Cheryl Rodriguez at (505) 665-5330 (cheryl.rodriguez@nnsa.doe.gov).

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