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Subject: Request to Defer Submittal of the Remedy Completion Report for Water Canyon/Cañon de Valle Aggregate Areas

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter requests a deferral of the August 31, 2015, deadline to submit the Remedy Completion Report (RCR) for Water Canyon/Cañon de Valle Aggregate Areas. The U.S. Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Security, LLC (DOE/LANS) request this deferral to complete predecessor activities under 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 for 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 (AWP) Process 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 report was included in the list of deliverables that could not be completed in FY2015.

DOE/LANS are requesting this deferral because a sequence of predecessor activities necessary to prepare the RCR have not been initiated or completed. These predecessor activities include the investigations of Upper Water Canyon Aggregate Area, Lower Water Canyon Aggregate Area, Cañon de Valle Aggregate Area TA-14, Cañon de Valle Aggregate Area TA-15, Cañon de Valle Aggregate Area TA-16, Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area, and S-Site Aggregate Area. These activities must be completed before the RCR can be prepared and submitted. Therefore, DOE/LANS are requesting to defer the submittal date for the RCR to a date that will be determined based on NMED's future approval of these reports.

If you have any questions, please contact Kent Rich at (505) 665-4272 (krich@lanl.gov) or David Rhodes at (505) 665-5325 (david.rhodes@em.doe.gov).

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