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**Subject: Extension Request for Response to Notice of Disapproval for the Investigation Work Plan for Starmer/Upper Pajarito Canyon Aggregate Area**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are in receipt of the "Notice of Disapproval Investigation Work Plan Starmer/Upper Pajarito Canyon Aggregate Area," dated January 5, 2011, and received on January 7, 2011. The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the January 21, 2011, deadline specified in the notice of disapproval (NOD) to submit a response to the NOD and a revised investigation work plan.

The NOD contains 99 comments, many of which request changes to the investigations proposed for solid waste management units and areas of concern in the aggregate area. The NOD comments request changes to the numbers and locations of samples and proposed analytical suites. In addition, some comments request clarifications or additional information that may require performing additional historical research. Responding to these comments will require making numerous revisions to the text, figures, and tables presented in the work plan. Given the nature and the number of comments, LANS and DOE estimate that the time needed to respond to these comments and make the corresponding revisions to the text, tables, and figures will be more than the 16 days specified in the NOD. Therefore, LANS and DOE request an extension of 45 days, to March 7, 2011, to respond to the NOD and revise the investigation work plan.

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Ed Worth at (505) 606-0398 (eworth@doeal.gov).

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