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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST
LOWER MORTANDAD/CEDRO CANYONS AGGREGATE AREA
INVESTIGATION REPORT
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-09-069**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Extension Request for the Lower Mortandad/Cedro Canyons Aggregate Area Investigation Report*, dated May 20, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0189.

Field activities were completed in February 2011 in accordance with the approved work plan. The analytical data from these investigations indicate that extent of contamination is not defined at three of the four sites investigated. The Permittees are requesting extension of the submittal date for the investigation report. The extension is requested so the Permittees can collect additional samples to define the extent of contamination at Solid Waste Management Units

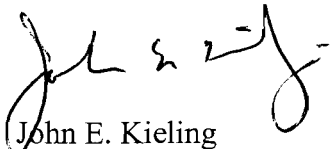
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(SWMUs) 05-004 and 05-005(b). In addition, the Permittees propose to excavate lead-contaminated soil and collect confirmatory samples to determine the extent of contamination at SWMU 05-006(c). To perform these additional activities, the Permittees anticipate the submittal of the investigation report would be delayed by approximately 12 weeks.

The Permittees have shown good cause for the requested time extension. NMED hereby grants the Permittees an extension to submit the investigation report for Lower Mortandad/Cedro Canyons Aggregate Area from June 30, 2011 to **September 23, 2011**.

Please contact Neelam Dhawan of my staff at (505) 476-6042 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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