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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Investigation Report for Water Canyon and Cañon de Valle

Dear Mr. Keiling:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the date for submitting the Investigation Report for Water Canyon and Cañon de Valle. The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) July 28, 2011, Approval with Modifications Force Majeure for the Las Conchas Wildfire extended the submittal date for the investigation report from August 31, 2011, to September 16, 2011. This extension of 11 business days was granted in accordance with Section III.H.3 of the Compliance Order on Consent (the Consent Order) based on the duration of the force majeure event. Los Alamos National Security, (LANS), LLC, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) have identified additional fire-related impacts that require further extension of the date for submitting the investigation report. Specifically, technical staff serving as key contributors to the investigation report were redeployed to fire response activities, including support to the Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team evaluating post-fire flood potential on and around Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) and setting up our post-fire monitoring program. This support has been completed and staff are now available to resume work on preparing the investigation report. Additionally, the Laboratory received a set of data collected by NMED at wells in Water Canyon and Cañon de Valle area by email on August 2, 2011. These data will likely benefit the Investigation Report for Water Canyon and Cañon de Valle, and the Laboratory would like an opportunity to incorporate these data into the report. Based on the redeployment of key staff away from the investigation report and a goal to incorporate the new NMED data, LANS and DOE estimate a schedule impact of an additional 14 calendar days.

Pursuant to Section III.J.2 of the Consent Order, the LANS and DOE request a 14-day extension from September 16, 2011, to September 30, 2011, to submit the Investigation Report for Water Canyon and Cañon de Valle.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Veenis at (505) 667-0013 (veenis@lanl.gov) or Woody Woodworth at (505) 665-5820 (lwoodworth@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,



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