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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

December 31, 2014

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**RE: THIRD EXTENSION REQUEST  
TO COMPLETE INSTALLATION OF WELL R-26i  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID#NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-12-022**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Brandt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension to Complete the Installation of Well R-26i* dated December 19, 2014 and referenced by ADESH-14-154.

The Permittees request an extension to complete installation of R-26i. This is the third extension requested to complete the well (the previous extensions were granted on January 2, 2014 and May 30, 2014). NMED has granted extensions based on the Permittees' need to divert resources to remove transuranic waste in accordance with the Framework Agreement. Based on the Permittees' inability to meet the deadlines that they committed to in the Framework Agreement, the request for extension to submit the work plan is hereby denied.

NMED is concerned over delays that affect the progress of corrective action including characterization and remediation. The protection of groundwater in New Mexico has been

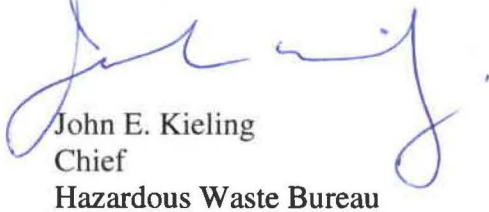
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prioritized, and any delay in installation of well R-26i is counter to this objective. The Permittees must complete the installation of well R-26i no later than **December 31, 2014**, as previously scheduled.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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