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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR  
THE STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID# NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Duran and Ms. Armijo,

The New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) is in receipt of the Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory’s (“LANL”) letter, dated December 10, 2018, requesting an extension to store hazardous waste in permitted area TA-54, Area L past the permitted one-year storage time. LANL stated the extension was requested due to a Department of Transportation requirement to obtain a shipping permit for hazardous waste with trace amounts of high explosives. The container identification numbers referenced in this request are W838402, W838404, W838992, W839101, W839296, W840804, W845975, W846466, W846871, W846065, and W838405. NMED has reviewed the request and is granting the extension for storage only until July 31, 2019 because LANL has been aware of this issue since August 2018.

Please provide written quarterly reports on the progress of obtaining the proper Department of Transportation shipping permit on March 31, 2019 and June 30, 2019. Additionally, please provide the documentation submitted to the Department of Transportation requesting this shipping permit.

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Please be aware that the extension, while authorizing the extended storage of specific waste containers does not relieve LANL of its duties related to the proper management of that waste, nor does it create a waiver of NMED's enforcement authority related to the underlying cause that necessitated the need for an extension.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss this correspondence further. We appreciate LANL's efforts to communicate with NMED regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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