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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

January 23, 2008

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**RE: RESPONSE TO EXTENTION REQUEST ON THE NOTICE OF  
DISAPPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED TA-52 TRANSURANIC WASTE  
FACILITY PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST (PMR)  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL)  
EPA ID NO. NM 0890010515  
LANL-07-020**

Dear Messrs. Winchell and Watkins:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed a request for an extension provided by the Los Alamos National Security, LLC and the U. S. Department of Energy (collectively the Permittees) dated January 16, 2008 (Request). The Permittees request an indefinite period to respond to two NMED correspondences: 1) a November 13, 2007 Notice of Deficiency of the Permittees' Technical Area (TA) 52 Transuranic Waste Facility (TRUWF) PMR; and 2) a December 20, 2007 Notice of Disapproval regarding the same submittal.

The Permittees explain in their Request that NMED's correspondences request design details that the Permittees are unable to provide at this time. The Notices and their associated short response intervals were intended to enable NMED to incorporate the TRUWF into the Permittees' renewal permit, which was to be drafted concurrently with the TRUWF PMR. Failure to provide this information within the specified time intervals will preclude this strategy. Because the

scheduling of the submittal of TRUWF PMR is the Permittees' prerogative, NMED grants the Permittees' request for an indefinite extension.

Please contact Steve Pullen at (505) 476-6044 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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