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**RE: APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO SUBMIT THE SANDIA
CANYON INVESTIGATION REPORT
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension for Sandia Canyon Investigation Report* (hereafter, the Request) dated November 26, 2008 and referenced by EP2008-0607.

The Permittees state in the Request that the extension will allow them to collect groundwater data from recently completed and yet to be completed monitoring wells and better characterize chromium contamination in the regional aquifer. NMED hereby grants an extension for submittal of the Sandia Canyon Investigation Report (SCIR) to August 31, 2009. The notice date for NMED's review of the SCIR, originally April 14, 2009, will be extended by a similar length of time to December 29, 2009.

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

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Sincerely,



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