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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 30, 2011

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RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS
EXTENSION REQUEST
COMPLETION OF WELL R-61
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension for Completion of Well R-61* (Request) dated March 17, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0123.

The Permittees request that the completion of regional aquifer well R-61 be extended from the original date of March 30, 2011 to April 30, 2011. The Request states that the installation of R-61 is behind schedule because the Continuing Resolution did not authorize funding for fiscal year 2011 second quarter projects until January 2011, which delayed the procurement process for the installation of R-61. The Request also states that the delay will not impair the Permittees' ability to collect and evaluate three quarters of sampling data before the required submittal of the Sandia Canyon Phase II investigation

report, due April 30, 2012.

NMED finds good cause for the extension, and hereby grants it as requested. Regional aquifer well R-61 shall be completed no later than April 30, 2011.

If you have any questions regarding this extension approval, please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673.

Sincerely,

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