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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO SUBMIT THE WELL
COMPLETION REPORT FOR R-62
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-GW-MISC**

Dear Messrs Rael and Graham:

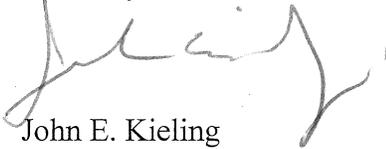
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension to Submit Well Completion Report for R-62* (Request) dated February 15, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0048.

The Permittees request an extension to submit the well completion report for regional well R-62 from February 29, 2012 to March 30, 2012. As stated in the Request, low pumping rates at R-62 have lengthened the time necessary for removal of water introduced into both the borehole and regional aquifer during drilling and well construction. In addition, the scheduled pumping test at nearby well R-28 and purging of R-62 have delayed the development of R-62. These circumstances constitute good cause for the time extension. NMED hereby approves the requested time extension to submit the completion report for R-62. The R-62 well completion report must be submitted no later than **March 30, 2012**.

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Please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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