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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF WELL R-50
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
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 (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request Extension of Time for the Completion of Well R-50* (Request) dated December 15, 2009 and referenced by EP2009-0654.

The Permittees state in the Request that the original R-50 borehole had to be abandoned due to a broken drill bit that could not be retrieved, and more time is required to drill a new borehole. The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. NMED therefore grants the extension; well R-50 must be completed by February 15, 2010. The well completion report must be submitted no later than July 15, 2010.

Prior to plugging and abandoning the original R-50 borehole, the Permittees must provide NMED with information on the intended sealant materials and the depth intervals at which they will be used (e-mail correspondence is acceptable). The Permittees must obtain NMED concurrence prior to plugging and abandoning the borehole.

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

Sincerely,



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