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September 12, 2018

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**RE: APPROVAL
 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WELL R-69 FIELD COMPLETION
 FISCAL YEAR 2018 MILESTONE #13
 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
 EPA ID #NM0890010515
 HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

Dear Mr. Hintze:

The New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) has received from the United States Department of Energy’s (“DOE”) document entitled *Request for Extension of Well R-69 Field Completion Milestone* (“Request”), dated September 7, 2018 and referenced by EM-LA-20AD-00307. The Request was received on September 7, 2018.

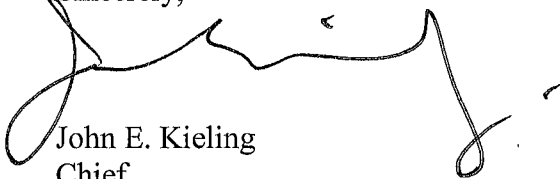
DOE has requested an extension of a milestone for the well completion and collection of the first samples from regional aquifer well R-69, listed as Milestone #13 in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 version of the Appendix B, Milestones and Targets, in the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order). DOE states in the Request that during the R-69 well drilling, an obstruction in the borehole damaged down-hole drill tools, necessitating the abandonment of the original borehole and redrilling of well R-69. Section XXVIII, *Extensions*, of the Consent Order allows milestone extensions when good cause exists, such as the unanticipated breakage to machinery.

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DOE has demonstrated that a good cause exists for the requested extension. NMED hereby grants the extension for submittal of FY 2018 Milestone #13 in accordance with Section XXVIII of the Consent Order. Additionally, in accordance with Section XXXV.A.3 of the Consent Order, Milestone #13 is no longer a milestone for FY 2018. As proposed in the Request, DOE must submit the R-69 Field Completion document by **December 14, 2018**. The milestone must be incorporated into the updated FY 2019 Appendix B pursuant to the process set forth in Section VIII.C.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this correspondence, please contact Dane Andersen at 505-476-6056.

Sincerely,



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