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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PHASE 2 PILOT AMENDMENT TESTING WORK PLAN
FISCAL YEAR 2019 MILESTONE #10
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
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Dear Mr. Hintze:

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE's) *Request for Extension of Phase 2 Pilot Amendment Testing Work Plan Milestone* (Request), dated June 13, 2019 and referenced by EM-LA-40AD-00458.

DOE has requested an extension for submittal of the Phase 2 Pilot Amendment Testing Work Plan (Work Plan) milestone for the chromium interim measure (IM) and characterization campaign, due June 28, 2019. The Work Plan is listed as Milestone #10 in the Fiscal Year 2019 version of Appendix B, Milestones and Targets, in the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order). DOE is submitting the Request according to Section XXVIII of the Consent Order, Extensions, which allows for milestone extensions when good cause exists, such as the status of ongoing studies.

The Request indicates that the development of a Phase 2 Pilot Amendment Testing Work Plan for amendments testing is currently not possible due to inconclusive results of the ongoing Phase 1 amendments tests. Additionally, potential impacts to the IM as a result of the Phase 1

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tests must be evaluated before development of the Phase 2 Pilot Amendment Testing Work Plan. DOE is proposing to submit a supplemental Phase 1 work plan to facilitate completion of the Phase 1 tests. The supplemental work plan will be followed by a Phase 1 assessment report to be submitted at a later date.

DOE has demonstrated that a good cause exists for extension of the Work Plan. NMED hereby grants the extension for submittal of FY 2019 Milestone #10 in accordance with Section XXVIII of the Consent Order. Additionally, in accordance with Section XXXV.A.3 of the Consent Order, Milestone #10 is no longer a milestone for FY 2019. However, DOE must submit the supplemental Phase 1 work plan to NMED by September 26, 2019, as proposed in the Request.

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Sincerely,



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