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August 20, 2019

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**RE: APPROVAL EXTENSION REQUEST
REVISED WORK PLAN FOR THE PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT OF WELLS AND
BOREHOLES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-18-064**

Dear Mr. Hintze:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE's) *Extension Request for Submittal of Revised Work Plan for the Plugging and Abandonment of Wells and Boreholes for Fiscal Year 2019* (Request), dated August 7, 2019 and referenced by EM-LA-40DH-00490. The Request was received on August 7, 2019.

NMED notes that the revised work plan was due on August 6, 2019 and the extension request was received on August 7, 2019. DOE must submit extension requests in a timely manner to provide enough time for NMED to review and consider the request, prior to expiration of the due date.

NMED has reviewed the Request and notes that enough justification for the extension request was not provided. Instead DOE is requesting to meet with NMED to evaluate the scope and

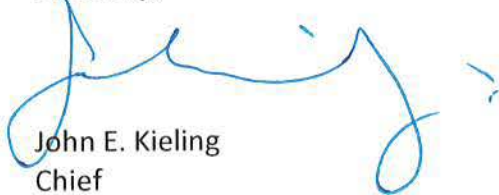
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address NMED's comments included in the Notice of Disapproval, dated June 7, 2019, for the above referenced document. NMED is amenable to a meeting and DOE must schedule a meeting within 15-days of the date of this approval letter to discuss the work plan.

NMED hereby approves the Request. DOE must submit the revised work plan for plugging and abandonment of the wells and boreholes planned for fiscal year 2019 within two weeks after the meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Neelam Dhawan at 505-476-6042.

Sincerely,



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