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Subject: Request for 30-Day Extension for Central Accumulation Area Middle DP Road Waste

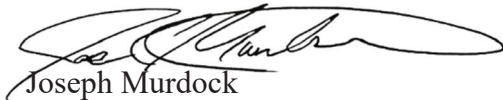
Dear Mr. Shean:

The U.S. Department of Energy Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) and Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos (N3B) are requesting a hazardous waste storage extension for two central accumulation areas (CAAs) located at Technical Area 21 (TA-21), both of which currently contain waste excavated as part of the MDPR remediation project. We have 192 20-yd³ rolloff bins, 1 B-25 container, and a 55-gal. drum in the CAAs that are labeled as “hazardous waste pending analysis” or mixed low-level waste (MLLW).

During our fieldwork efforts, we generated over 25 times the planned volume of waste. Because of the large volume of waste we generated during the remediation of MDPR from May 2021 to October 2021 (194 containers, over 2270 metric tons of material generated as low-level waste with a portion being MLLW) requiring characterization, we respectfully request a 30-day extension to the 90-day accumulation time for the CAAs due to unforeseen, temporary, and uncontrollable circumstances in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 262.17(b). The 30-day extension will enable analysis of the remaining bins at the CAAs to be fully characterized and limit the number of waste containers requiring transfer from TA-21 to a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act-permitted storage area at TA-54, Area L or G.

Please contact Emily Day at (505) 695-4243 (emily.day@em-la.doe.gov) or Arturo Duran at (575) 373-5966 (arturo.duran@em.doe.gov) if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,



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