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February 19, 2013

Reply to Attn of: RE-13-022

New Mexico Environment Department
Attn: Mr. John Kieling, Chief
Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Subject: Request for Extension of Time for Completion and Development of Data Gap
Wells BLM-40 and BLM-41

In accordance with NMED's August 24, 2012 *Approval Data Gap Well Installation Time Extension Request*, NASA was to complete installation and initial sampling of four groundwater monitoring wells to be installed at WSTF and the nearby Jornada Experimental Range by February 28, 2013. Due to NASA budgetary uncertainties, NMED subsequently approved February 28, 2013 as the completion date for monitoring wells BLM-40 and BLM-41. The schedule for completion of monitoring wells JER-3 and JER-4 was addressed in NASA's letter dated October 29, 2012, and NMED's response dated November 2, 2012.

Execution of field work at BLM-40 and BLM-41 was delayed by approximately two months as a result of complications related to the procurement and schedule coordination of the required off-site contractor. NASA initiated drilling at BLM-40 on January 10, 2013 and has subsequently regained approximately one month of the two-month delay. NASA expects that three monitoring wells will be installed at the BLM-40 location and two monitoring wells will be installed at the BLM-41 location before February 28, 2013. These five monitoring wells are expected to meet the technical requirements established in the initial data gap well work plan. However, development and initial sampling of these wells is unlikely to be completed in February 2013.

NASA hereby requests a one month extension of time and proposes to complete development and initial sampling of all five BLM-40 and BLM-41 monitoring wells by March 31, 2013. NASA will submit the well completion reports within 90 days of completing final development of the monitoring wells as required in NMED's August 1, 2012 approval of the abbreviated drilling work plan for these wells.

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submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations. If you have any questions or comments concerning this submittal, please contact Mike Zigmond of my staff at 575-524-5484.



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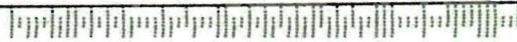
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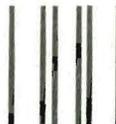
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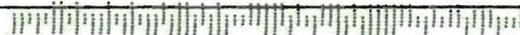


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