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Reply to Attn of: RE-13-025

New Mexico Environment Department
Attn: Mr. John Kieling, Chief
Hazardous Waste Bureau
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Santa Fe, NM 87505

Subject: Request for Extension of Time for Implementation of Perched Groundwater Extraction Pilot Test at
NASA WSTF 600 Area

On November 13, 2012 NASA submitted the *600 Area Perched Groundwater Extraction Pilot Test Work Plan*, which indicated that NASA would utilize existing groundwater monitoring well 600-G-138 to extract contaminated perched groundwater from beneath the 600 Area Closure. NASA proposed to initiate groundwater extraction within 30 days of NMED approval of the work plan. On December 3, 2012 NASA submitted an application to the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) requesting approval to utilize groundwater monitoring well 600-G-138 as a pollution recovery well. Approval of this permit application is required prior to using the well to extract contaminated groundwater. NMED approved the work plan on January 16, 2013 and directed NASA to initiate groundwater extraction by February 22, 2013. On February 20, 2013 the NMOSE informed NASA that review and approval of the permit application to use 600-G-138 as a pollution recovery well was delayed. NMOSE approval is not expected for another 30 to 60 days.

NASA hereby requests an extension of time for the initiation of perched groundwater extraction at the 600 Area, and proposes a revised implementation date of April 19, 2013.

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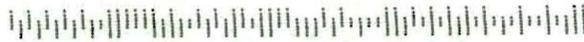


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