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December 29, 2014

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Attention of: RE-14-139

**RE: APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION REQUEST
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)
LYNDON B. JOHNSON SPACE CENTER (JSC)
WHITE SANDS TEST FACILITY (WSTF)
STATUS OF WESTBAY WELL CONVERSION AT NASA WSTF
BLM-28 AND BLM-32
DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID #NM08800019434
HWB-NASA-10-008**

Dear Ms. Bunker-Farrah:

On December 19, 2014, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received NASA WSTF's (Permittee) *Status of Westbay Well Conversion at NASA WSTF*, dated December 18, 2014, which requests additional time to further evaluate the boreholes at BLM-28 and BLM-32.

The Permittee indicated additional time was need because of scheduling issues and the current uncertainty of boreholes BLM-28 and BLM-32's potential to produce sufficient groundwater for the use of purgeable groundwater sampling systems. It is expected that the additional evaluation can be scheduled and performed by early March 2015. Upon completion, NASA will determine if the boreholes can be equipped with purgeable sampling systems. If so, these systems will be competitively procured and installed by **May 31, 2015**. If the boreholes are not suitable for

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further monitoring, NASA must notify NMED by **March 31, 2015** and propose a course of action for future monitoring at these locations.

The Permittee has shown good cause for requesting the extension and NMED hereby grants the Permittee an extension to **March 31, 2015** to evaluate boreholes BLM-28 and BLM-32 potential use in the purgeable groundwater sampling system.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Vicky Baca at (505) 476-6059.

Sincerely,



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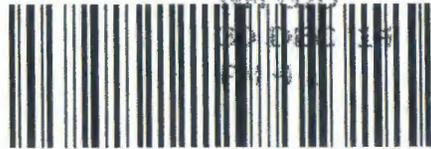
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