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Re: Request for two-month extension of the April 24, 2020 comment deadline for the draft Supplement Analysis to the 2008 Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for continued operations of Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOEIEIS-0380- SA-06) in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dear Secretary Brouillette and Administrator Gordon-Hagerty:

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we request that the April 24, 2020 deadline for commenting on the draft Supplement Analysis (SA) for the 2008 Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for continued operations of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) be extended for two months, until June 19, 2020.

The Supplement Analysis is of great importance because it examines the environmental impacts associated with expanded plutonium pit production at LANL and addresses whether or not LANL must prepare a new or supplemental environmental impact statement to the existing 2008 Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for LANL.

We believe further environmental analysis is warranted at this time to address environmental effects that were not contemplated back in 2008. Therefore, it will be necessary for us to prepare detailed comments to the Supplement Analysis to explain our reasoning. This is not reasonably possible right now because of the continued spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We therefore respectfully request that that the April 24, 2020 deadline for commenting on the draft Supplement Analysis be extended for two months, until June 19, 2020.

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