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RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FROM CANNON AIR FORCE BASE

Dear Col. Benson:

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is in receipt of Cannon Air Force Base's (CAFB) progress report for January 1992.

In this report, CAFB requested a two week extension on the following tasks required to satisfy the requirements of the Compliance Agreement.

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| 14 Feb. 92 | Installation and development of wells L and M |
| 2 Mar. 92 | Sampling of RCRA monitoring wells |
| 16 Mar. 92 | Certification of the installation of wells L and M |
| 6 Apr. 92 | As-built drawings |

Because of the difficulty of completing well M, the HRMB grants the extension. However, in reading the report, the first pilot hole had to be abandoned and a second was drilled using drilling fluids. This is completely counter productive to the objective. The reason a dry pilot hole was to be advanced, as described in CAFB's letter of December 26, 1991, was to determine the location of perched ground water if any and to determine the competency of the materials encountered. This whole purpose was defeated when drilling fluid was introduced. CAFB must drill another pilot hole or propose and implement another technology to determine perched ground water.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Winn at (505) 827-4300.

Sincerely,

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