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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

March 14, 2014

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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA)  
FACILITY ASSESSMENT; SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT 73  
STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND RETENTION POND  
CANNON AIR FORCE BASE  
CURRY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
EPA ID #NM7572124454  
HWB-CAFB-13-007**

Dear Colonel Buono:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has completed review of Cannon Air Force Base's (Permittee's) November 2013 RCRA Facility Assessment, SWMU 73 – Stormwater Drainage and Retention Pond. NMED hereby approves the document with the following modifications.

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## Modifications

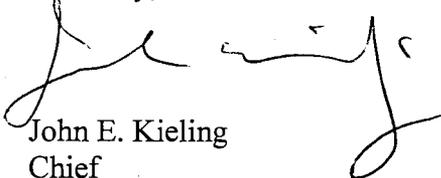
1. Statements made in several locations within the document indicate the Permittee may misunderstand how NMED handles Areas of Concern (AOCs) and Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) in various stages of cleanup or investigation. AOCs and SWMUs are not removed from CAFB's Hazardous Waste Permit regardless of AOC or SWMU cleanup or investigation status. Rather, they are moved by NMED from one classification list to another. For example, the draft of CAFB's Permit will contain three tables as follows:
  - a) Table 1, List of SWMUs and AOCs Requiring Corrective Action;
  - b) Table 2, List of SWMUs and AOCs Action Where Corrective Action is Complete With Controls; and,
  - c) Table 3, List of SWMUs and AOCs Where Corrective Action is Complete Without Controls.

The Permittee may Petition NMED to move an AOC or SWMU from one list to another based on investigative outcomes and future land use considerations. In the event NMED agrees with the information presented, it will propose to move a site from Table 1 to either Table 2 or 3 dependent on the information submitted and on public comments received during a required public noticing period. As such, a given AOC or SWMU is not removed from the facility's Permit.

2. The document does not include a schedule for submittal of an investigation work plan (IWP) to further evaluate the nature and extent of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and arsenic at the SWMU. Within 30 days of the date of this letter, the Permittee must provide a schedule for submittal of the IWP.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Daniel Comeau at (505) 476-6043.

Sincerely,



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