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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

October 30, 2017

Colonel Stewart A. Hammons  
Commander, 27<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing  
110 E. Alison Avenue, Suite 1098  
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New Mexico 88103

**RE: RELEASE ASSESSMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
NEWLY DISCOVERED RELEASE AT ON-SITE STORAGE YARD  
CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO  
EPA ID #NM7572124454  
HWB-CAFB-MISC**

Dear Colonel Hammons:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the Cannon Air Force Base (Permittee) *Notification of the Newly Discovery Release at On-Site Storage Yard* document (Notification), on October 10, 2017. The Notification indicates the Air Force Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron was notified of a release at a storage yard at the north-central portion of the facility (Latitude: 34.40102, Longitude: -103.31199). A visual inspection of the reported release location was conducted on September 25, 2017 by the Permittee, which indicated seepage from the ground of a black substance with a tarlike odor at the storage yard. In the interim, the Permittee has cordoned off the area pending further investigation.

The Permittee's notification meets the 15-day requirement documenting the initial discovery of the release at the storage yard as required by Facility Permit Section 2.2.1, Notification of Newly Discovered Solid Waste Management Units [SWMU] and Areas of Concern.

Based on the information provided in the Notification, NMED has determined that further investigation is warranted. A SWMU assessment report (release assessment report) is required at the storage yard release site in accordance with Permit Section 2.2.2, Solid Waste Management

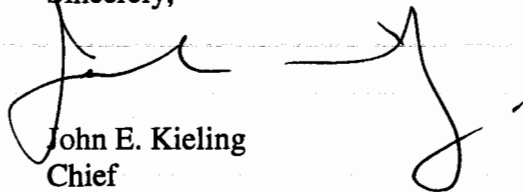
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Unit Assessment Report. Based on the information provided in the assessment report, NMED will determine if additional investigation and delineation of any identified impacts to soils or other environmental media at the site is warranted.

The release assessment report must be submitted to NMED no later than **April 30, 2018**, and must be provided as two paper copies and one electronic copy.

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

Sincerely,



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