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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

June 10, 2005

Keith Landreth
Attn: ATZC-DOE (Landreth)
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO THE PERMIT
ATTACHMENT CLOSURE PLAN – PERMIT MODIFICATION
REQUEST
FORT BLISS EPA ID NO. NM4213720101-01**

Dear Mr. Landreth:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the *Request for Class 1 Permit Modification with prior written approval for U.S. Army Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss Open Detonation Unit, Fort Bliss, New Mexico* submitted May 2, 2005. The permit modification request is to provide more detailed and specifics to the Permit Attachment F-Closure Plan.

Please make the following changes to the proposed Permit Attachment F- Closure Plan and resubmit the Permit Modification Request to the NMED:

- Page 9 of the Closure Plan states that Ft. Bliss will collect background soil samples and analyze them for arsenic and explosives. All soil samples collected for background determination must be analyzed for all RCRA metals. Analytical results for explosives

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compounds must only be used to determine if a particular soil sample does, in fact, represent background for the site.

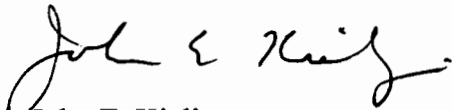
- Ft. Bliss must state in the closure plan that additional soil samples will be collected and analyzed if the deepest and/or outermost soil samples initially collected indicate that a release from the unit has occurred.

Upon NMED approval, Fort Bliss must comply with the requirements of 20.4.1.900, incorporating 40 CFR 270.42.

Also, as part of the forthcoming Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit Application the approved modified Closure Plan must be submitted with the SWMU information as we have discussed previously.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me, (505) 428-2535, or Cheryl Frischkorn of my staff at (505) 428-2550.

Sincerely,



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