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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 21, 2006

Keith Landreth
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Department of the Army
Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison Command
1773 Pleasonton Road
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**RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL
CLOSURE CERTIFICATION REPORT
MCGREGOR RANGE OPEN, OPEN DETONATION (OD) UNIT
FORT BLISS, EPA ID NO. NM4213720101.01
HWB-FB-05-006**

Dear Mr. Landreth:

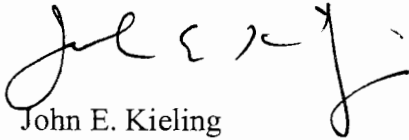
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received and reviewed all required closure certification documentation submitted by Fort Bliss (the Permittee) concerning the closure of the McGregor Range Open Detonation (OD) Unit. NMED acknowledges the Permittee's closure certification letter dated December 11, 2006. NMED has concluded that the Certification of Closure and the survey plats for the OD Unit satisfy the closure requirements specified in 40 CFR 265.115 and 40 CFR 265.116, respectively.

NMED staff visited the OD Unit to verify closure of the permitted units on November 29, 2006. NMED has determined that the inspection of the OD Unit by NMED personnel and the documentation provided by the Permittee adequately demonstrate the current condition of the unit. Based on this information, NMED has confirmed the Permittee's completion of closure of the McGregor Range OD Unit.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Tammy Diaz-Martinez at 505-476-6056.

Sincerely,



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