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ATTENTION OF:

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Ms. Cheryl Frischkorn
Hazardous Waste Bureau
State of New Mexico Environment Department
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6303

Re: Supplemental Resource and Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA)
Facility Investigation (RFI) Report
McGregor Range Oxidation Pond, SWMU No. 19
Fort Bliss, New Mexico, EPA ID# NM4213720101-01

Dear Ms. Frischkorn:

Fort Bliss received your letter, dated 28 September 2007, granting an extension for the submittal of a revision to the *Supplemental Resource and Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI) Report for the McGregor Range Oxidation Pond, Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) No. 19 (FTBL-21), Fort Bliss New Mexico*. Although Fort Bliss' request was for an extension to 60 days after finalization (NMED approval) of the background values, an extension of 90 calendar days from the date of the letter was granted, resulting in a submittal date of 28 December 2007. Revisions to the RFI report cannot be made, however, until background values have been established for inorganic parameters at the McGregor Range.

Fort Bliss has secured funding and is moving forward with changes to the Background Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), addressing NMED comments, including changes in the scope of work for this effort. The SAP will be submitted on or before 31 January 2008 as requested by NMED. Fort Bliss will implement the background sampling upon NMED approval of the work plan. Fort Bliss has secured funding to finalize the McGregor Oxidation Pond RFI report, and intends to do so once NMED has accepted the results of the background evaluation.

Fort Bliss has secured funding to move forward with these projects in a timely manner, but cannot finalize the RFI report before background has been established. Fort Bliss respectfully requests an extension for the submittal of the revised RFI document to sixty (60) days from the milestone of finalization (NMED acceptance) of background values, per the attached schedule.

Sincerely,

Sylvia A. Waggoner

Sylvia Waggoner
Chief, Multimedia Compliance Branch
Environmental Division
Directorate of Public Works

Enclosure
Schedule and Milestones

SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES

MILESTONE.....SCHEDULE

Background SAP submittal 31 January 2008

NMED review period

Background sampling within 60 days of NMED approval of the SAP

Background Report submittal within 180 days of NMED approval of the SAP
(within 60 days from receipt of analytical data)

NMED review period

McGregor Oxidation Pond

RFI Report Submittal..... within 60 days of NMED approval of the Background Report