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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

April 11, 2008

Keith Landreth  
Attn: ATZC-DOE (Landreth)  
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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS  
SOIL BACKGROUND SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN  
McGREGOR RANGE AND DOÑA ANA RANGE SWMU SITES  
FORT BLISS, EPA ID NO. NM4213720101  
HWB-FB-06-003**

Dear Mr. Landreth:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) reviewed the Department of the Army's (Permittee) revised *Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), McGregor and Doña Ana Range SWMU Sites*, dated January 2008. Based on the information presented in the SAP, NMED hereby approves the SAP with the conditions listed below.

COMMENT 1

SAP Section 2.5 (Project Schedule) shows the final work plan submittal on January 31, 2007. This date should be January of 2008. This must be corrected in the soil background report.

COMMENT 2

The Permittee states in SAP Section 3.1.1 (Selection of Background Sample Locations) that exact sample location depths within each boring may vary. The Permittee must provide in the soil background report a full description, including sample depth, of all soil samples collected for the determination of background concentrations.

COMMENT 3

SAP Sections 4.1 (Sampling Methods) and 4.2 (Field QC Sampling Procedures) contain inconsistent information. The Permittee states in Section 4.1 that soil will be homogenized in a disposal aluminum pan or stainless-steel mixing bowl. The Permittee states in Section 4.2 that the samples will be homogenized in a stainless-steel or plastic bowl. The Permittee must ensure that aluminum pans are not used to homogenize soil samples, as specified in Comment 7 of NMED's May 4, 2007 Notice of Deficiency.

COMMENT 4

If non-disposable sampling equipment is used, then the Permittee must collect equipment rinsate blanks and include a description of the collection procedures and the analytical results in the soil background report.

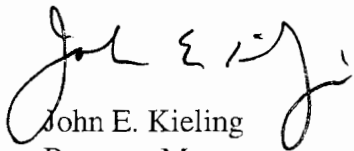
COMMENT 5

It should be noted that the use of background data generated from implementation of this SAP may be appropriate for use at other sites not mentioned in the SAP if sufficient data are available to confirm the similarity of soil types and horizons.

The Permittee must document all activities conducted pursuant to this approval. The Permittee must also include, in all subsequent reports, any deviations from approved work plans/reports. Noncompliance with the conditions outlined in the approval letter will potentially subject the Permittee to an enforcement action. As a reminder, the Permittee shall not respond to the comments provided in an Approval with Modifications unless NMED specifically requires a response and/or resubmittal (e.g., revised test and/or pages, additional information) in the approval letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Cheryl Frischkorn at (505) 476-6058.

Sincerely,



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