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August 12, 2009

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**RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL FOR SITE-SPECIFIC BACKGROUND VALUES FOR  
McGREGOR RANGE CAMP AREA AND DOÑA ANA RANGE AREA  
FORT BLISS, NEW MEXICO, EPA ID# NM 4213720101-01  
HWB-FB-08-004**

Dear Mr. Landreth:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of the Army/Fort Bliss's (Permittee's) *Site-Specific Background Values McGregor Range Camp Area* (McGregor Report) and *Site-Specific Background Values Doña Ana Range Camp Area* (Doña Ana Report), *Fort Bliss New Mexico*, both dated October 2008. Based on the information provided in both Reports, samples were collected and analyzed in accordance with the approved *Sampling and Analysis Plan for McGregor and Doña Ana Range SWMU Sites* (SAP), dated January 2008. In addition, the conditions outlined in NMED approval letter of April 11, 2008 for the SAP have been met. NMED hereby approves the McGregor and Doña Ana Reports. Minor discrepancies were noted and are listed below.

**McGregor Report:**

1. **Section 1.2, Site History, Page 1-2:** The Permittee has erroneously referred to sanitary landfill No.13, which is solid waste management unit (SWMU) 18, as SWMU 13 in several instances in the document.

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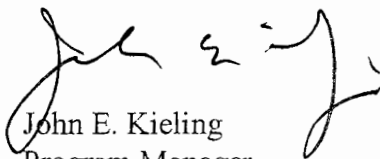
2. **Section 2.3, Applicable Regulations and Standards, Page 2-2:** The Permittee reports the RCRA Permit number for Fort Bliss as 4212720101-01. The correct Permit number is 4213720101-01.
3. **Figure 3-1:** Figure 3-1 depicts the sampling locations for the background samples but does not indicate the location identification numbers. The Permittee should have included sampling location identification numbers on the figure to facilitate the review of the document.
4. **Table 4-2:** The data for barium in soil horizon A appears to be much lower than anticipated. The Permittee should review the quality assurance report from the laboratory to ensure data integrity.

**Dona Ana Report:**

1. **Section 2.3, Applicable Regulations and Standards, Page 2-2:** The Permittee reports the RCRA Permit number for Fort Bliss as 4212720101-01. The correct Permit number is 4213720101-01.
2. **Figure 3-1:** Figure 3-1 depicts the sampling locations for the background samples but does not indicate the location identification numbers. The Permittee should have included sampling location identification numbers on the figure to facilitate the review of the document.

If you have any questions, please contact Neelam Dhawan of my staff at (505) 476-6042.

Sincerely,

  
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