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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 1, 2012

Sylvia A. Waggoner
Chief, Compliance Branch
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Headquarters, United States Army
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**RE: REVIEW OF WASTEWATER SAMPLING REPORT FOR MARCH 2012,
SEMI-ANNUAL WASTEWATER COMPLIANCE SAMPLING AND
WASTEWATER FLOW MONITORING REPORTS FOR MEYER AND
DOÑA ANA – NEW MEXICO RANGE OUTFALLS
EPA ID #NM4213720101
HWB-FB-12-001**

Dear Ms. Waggoner:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the Department of the Army's (Permittee's) *Wastewater Sampling Report, March 2012, Semi-Annual Wastewater Compliance Sampling for SWMU 76 Meyer and SWMU 27B Doña Ana at Fort Bliss, Texas* (Report).

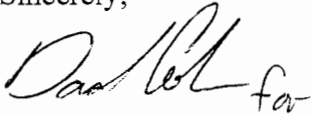
The Permittee has fulfilled its obligation to conduct semi-annual sampling in March 2012 and submit sampling results and wastewater flow monitoring reports to NMED. The monitoring and associated reports are required by the January 2006 Settlement Agreement (2006 SA) between NMED and the United States Army, Fort Bliss Air Defense Artillery Center.

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NMED's review indicates that the sampling and monitoring were conducted in general accordance with the requirements described in the 2006 SA. Although sampling of the McGregor 2 pond is not required by the 2006 SA, NMED noted that the McGregor 2 and McGregor 2 Duplicate quality assurance/quality control sample results for sodium as summarized in Table 3-2 of the Report (*Metals Analytical Results Summary*) are quite different (5,900 milligrams per liter versus non-detect, respectively). The Permittee may want to discuss this discrepancy with its contract laboratory.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Daniel Comeau at (505) 476-6043.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Kieling" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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