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October 2, 2013

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Chief, Compliance Brach
Department of the Army
Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison Command
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**RE: REVIEW
ANNUAL POST-CLOSURE SITE INSPECTION REPORT
DOÑA ANA RANGE RUBBLE PITLANDFILL, SWMU 27/FTBL-011
FORT BLISS, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID #NM4213720101
HWB-FB-12-003**

Dear Ms. Waggoner:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the Department of Army's (Permittee) *Post-Closure Site Inspection of the Doña Ana Rubble Pit Landfill, Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) No. 27/FTBL-011*, Fort Bliss, New Mexico (Report), dated December 14, 2012.

In accordance with NMED's *Approval of FTBL-11/SWMU-27 Adjacent Run-on Controls, Doña Ana Range Camp, Fort Bliss, New Mexico* (May 27, 2008), the Permittee conducted an initial inspection of the site on March 16, 2012. During the initial inspection some minor erosion was observed on the northeast and the northwest portions of the landfill. Between March 16, 2012, and April 17, 2012, the northwest portion of the landfill was regraded and the erosional damage was repaired. The Permittee has provided photographic documentation of the repair work to the northwest portion. The Permittee reports that repair work on the northeast portion has been

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scheduled to begin January 7, 2013. Documentation of the repair work to the northeast portion was not included in this report. According to the information provided, on March 16, 2012, healthy vegetation growth was observed on the final landfill cover and on the surrounding area. Gates and fences were found to be in good condition.

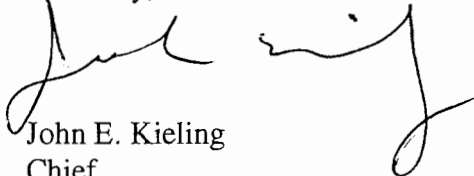
A second inspection was conducted after the rainy season, but no date was provided by the Permittee. The Permittees did not report any findings of damage or erosion. According to the information provided, healthy vegetation growth was observed on the final landfill cover and on the surrounding area. Gates and fences were found to be in good condition.

The Permittee has fulfilled its obligation to conduct the biannual site inspection and submit an annual report to NMED. The Permittee shall continue to conduct biannual inspections at SWMU-27, after snowmelt and at the end of the rainy season (*e.g.*, the North American monsoon season which ranges from June-Mid September) so that any damage caused by rain or snowmelt can be evaluated and repaired, if needed. The Permittee must continue to conduct biannual inspections at SWMU 27 and submit reports to NMED documenting the results of the inspections. In future reports the Permittee must also include approximate distances or maps depicting the distance between erosional features and the capped area. The Permittee must also include documentation of the repair work performed on the northeast portion in January 2013 in the report for next year.

The inspection report for next year is due no later than December 31, 2013.

Please contact Siona Briley at (505) 476-6049 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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