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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

June 26, 2014

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**RE: RESPONSE TO LETTER  
APPROVAL FINAL REPORT FOR THE COVER AND BORROW AREA  
INVESTIGATION OF THE ORO GRANDE LANDFILL (SWMU-  
25/FTBL-014)  
FORT BLISS, NEW MEXICO  
EPA ID #NM4213720101  
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Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the Department of Army's (Permittee) letter in response to the conference call held on March 21, 2014, about NMED's document *Approval-Final Report for the Cover and Borrow Area Investigation of the Oro Grande Landfill (SWMU-25/FTBL-014)*, Fort Bliss, New Mexico (status report), dated January 2, 2014.

NMED agrees that the landfill does not need to be closed under 40 CFR 264, and that the reference made in the previous report was incorrect. In the Fort Bliss 1995 Permit this unit is listed as a Solid Waste Management Unit in Table 2, List of Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) Requiring Corrective

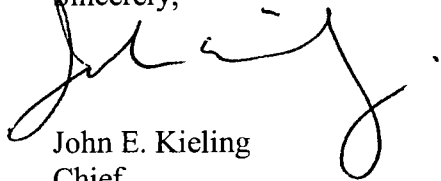
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Action (modified December 15, 2004). As stated by the Permittees in a cover letter, *Final Letter Report for the Cover and Borrow Area Investigation of the Oro Grande Landfill (SWMU-25/FTBL-014* dated September 6, 2013, 'the best option for Fort Bliss would be complete removal of waste from SWMU-25/FTBL-014, and the disposal of the waste of soil removed waste a permitted municipal landfill'. The Permittee must submit a work plan that would provide information on the dimensions of the landfill, waste characterization methods, waste collection disposal and of confirmatory samples from the walls and base of the excavated area.

The Permittee has indicated that the work plan's deadline of October 10, 2014 may need to be revised to accommodate the Permittee's funding schedule. The Permittee must submit a formal extension request to the department prior to October 10, 2014, justifying the need for and proposing a new extension deadline for the work plan to be submitted to NMED.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Siona Briley at (505) 476-6049.

Sincerely,



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