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RE: REVIEW
BIANNUAL POST-CLOSURE SITE INSPECTION REPORT
DOÑA ANA RANGE RUBBLE PIT LANDFILL, SWMU 27/FTBL-012
FORT BLISS, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID #NM4213720101
HWB-FB-14-003

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

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-012, Fort Bliss, New Mexico* (Report), dated January 2, 2014, and received January 8, 2014.

In accordance with NMED's *Approval of FTBL-12/SWMU-27 Doña Ana Rubble Pit Landfill, Fort Bliss, New Mexico* (October 30, 2007), the Permittee conducted an initial inspection of the site on May 30, 2013. The Permittee reports that the regrading of the large arroyo to the northeast portion of the landfill which occurred on January 7, 2013, was observed to be in good repair and as documented in Photos 1, and 2 of the May 30, 2013, inspection report. The Permittee has provided photographic documentation of the repair work as well as documentation of the *Final Completion Report for Site Rehabilitation and Maintenance Landfill FTBL-*

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012/SWMU-27 dated April 12, 2013. According to the information provided in the initial inspection conducted on May 30, 2013, 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 Permittees conducted an unscheduled inspection on July 31, 2013, in response to a rainfall event exceeding one inch, as required for post-closure care dated October 30, 2007. The Permittees report that erosion was found on the south-east portion of the arroyo (located east of the landfill) which was determined to not affect the integrity of the cap. The erosional damage to the arroyo was repaired as shown in Pictures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Completed Repair Work on the Arroyo and Swale* dated November 6, 2013.

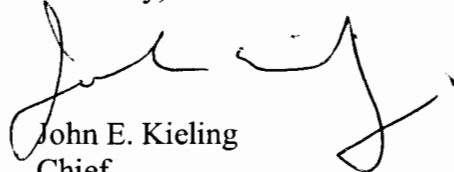
The second bi-annual inspection was conducted September 25, 2013, after the North American monsoon season which ranges from June to Mid-September. The Permittees noted that all earth work at the landfill had been completed. The Permittees report that the swale in the western portion of the SWMU-27/FTBL-012 was observed to show minor erosional damage later repaired as documented in the *Completed Repair Work on the Arroyo and Swale* dated November 6, 2013. 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 must 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. Permittee must also continue to include approximate distances or maps depicting the distance between erosional features and the capped area.

The inspection report for next year is due no later than December 31, 2014.

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

Sincerely,



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