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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS
FORT BLISS DONA ANA RANGE WELL INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIATION SITE
ASSESSMENT REPORT
FORT BLISS, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID #NM4213720101
HWB-FB-19-003**

Dear Mr. Moncada:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Fort Bliss (Permittee) *Fort Bliss Dona Ana Range Well Investigation and Remediation Site Assessment Report (Report)*, dated August 29, 2019. NMED has reviewed the Report and hereby issues this Approval with Modifications. The Permittee must address the following comments.

1. Results, page 7/8

Permittee Statement: "The TPH DRO and ORO resulted in concentrations of 17.7 mg/L and 2.42 mg/L which exceeds the NMED Groundwater Screening Levels [for unknown oil] of 0.0858 mg/L for both analytes."

NMED Comment: According to Attachment 3 (Pace National Analytical Results), the naphthalene concentration in the groundwater sample collected from the well is recorded as 0.0105 mg/L, which exceeds the screening level of 0.00165 mg/L. All exceedances must be discussed in all future reports. No revision required.

2. Conclusions, page 8/8

Permittee Statement: "The dissolved fraction of the contamination is minimal in the well now that all NAPL has been removed from the well. Fort Bliss believes residual contamination is being washed off the sidewalls of the well casing during bailing activities leading to the slight exceedance of the groundwater screening level."

NMED Comment: The TPH DRO concentration in the groundwater sample collected from the well is more than 200 times higher than that of the screening level. The statement is misleading. The Permittee recommends no further action; however, future groundwater sampling is warranted to confirm the attenuation of constituents of concern. Conduct groundwater gauging and sampling for the well in June 2020 and submit a letter report that summarizes the results. The analytical suite for the groundwater sample must be consistent with that of the June 3, 2019 sampling event.

The Permittee must address all comments in this Approval with Modifications. A letter report summarizing the June 2020 results of the gauging and sampling event must be submitted to NMED no later than **September 30, 2020**.

This approval is based on the information presented in the document as it relates to the objectives of the work identified by NMED at the time of review. Approval of this document does not constitute agreement with all information or every statement presented in the document.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Michiya Suzuki of my staff at (505) 476-6059.

Sincerely,



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