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**RE: [RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 25, 2022 NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (NMED) LETTER]
FORT BLISS, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID #NM4213720101
HWB-FB-19-004**

Dear Mr. Ranson:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the Fort Bliss (Permittee) *[Response to the January 25, 2022 New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Letter]* (Response), dated April 13, 2022. NMED has reviewed the Response, and hereby issues the following comment.

Comment

In the response to Comment 5 of the NMED's January 25, 2022 Letter, the Permittee states, "Fort Bliss elects to conduct dioxin sampling at the sidewalls of the landfill. However, the contract for this action is being developed and will not be awarded until late summer or early fall of 2022. Fort Bliss is requesting an extension for the work plan submittal. Fort Bliss will submit the letter work plan to investigate the presence/absence of dioxin at the sidewalls of the excavation once the contract is awarded." NMED acknowledges that the Permittee decided to conduct dioxin sampling along the sidewalls of the landfills. The NMED's January 25, 2022 Letter directed the Permittee to submit a letter work plan no later than April 29, 2022, if the work plan is to be submitted. However, the Permittee states that the contract has not been awarded; therefore, requests an extension for the work plan submittal in late summer or early fall of 2022. NMED hereby grants the request for the extension of submittal due date. The required work plan must be submitted to NMED no later than **December 6, 2022**.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Michiya Suzuki of my staff at (505) 476-6046.

Sincerely,

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