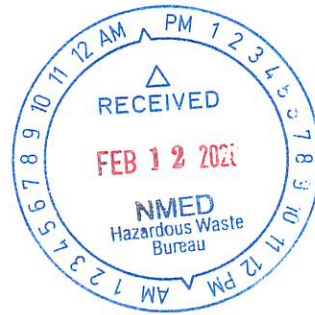




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RE: Final Groundwater Supplemental RFI Work Plan Revision 4, dated March 23, 2018  
Request for Work Plan Deviations, Fort Wingate Depot Activity, McKinley County, New  
Mexico, EPA #NM6213820974.

Dear Mr. Pierard,

This letter requests permission to deviate from the reporting procedures for the Groundwater Supplemental Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation at Fort Wingate Depot Activity. The reporting procedures for this RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) are provided in the Work Plan titled Final Groundwater Supplemental RFI Work Plan Revision 4, dated March 23, 2018 (WP). This WP was approved by the NMED on April 18, 2018. This request pertains to removal of the Human Health Risk Evaluation from the RFI report. Details are provided below:

Section 8 of the WP identifies submittal of a Human Health Risk Evaluation as part of the northern area groundwater RFI report. In lieu of deriving site-specific risk based screening values, the Army prefers at this time to rely upon the generic screening values from Section 7.1 of Attachment 7 of the RCRA permit. This section references a hierarchy utilizing the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission standards, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water MCLs, or the EPA regional screening levels (RSLs) for tap water as threshold criteria for human health protectiveness.

If you have any questions or require further information during the interim, please call me at (505) 721-9770.

Sincerely,

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