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Re: New Mexico Environment Department's oversight of HSWA  
corrective action at Holloman Air Force Base

Dear Mr. Alexander:

In Fiscal Year 1993, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and Region 6 agreed that NMED would have the lead responsibility for reviewing a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) workplan at Holloman Air Force Base. This decision was made in order for NMED to develop the expertise needed to review RFI documents when New Mexico becomes authorized for HSWA. The RFI workplan selected was the POL washrack (SWMU No. 133/IRP Site SD-47). However, because the Air Force did not fund the RFI at this IRP site during Fiscal Year 1993, a decision was made to substitute the Table 2 RFI workplan for NMED's commitment.

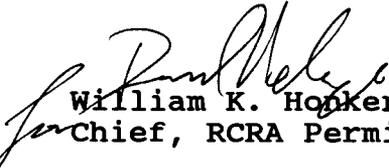
NMED reviewed the Table 2 RFI workplan and sent comments to Region 6 that were incorporated into joint notice of deficiency (NOD) letters to Holloman. The RFI workplan was approved by EPA and NMED on July 22, 1993. This approval fulfilled NMED's commitment to review an RFI workplan. Therefore, NMED does not have any further commitment to review any of Holloman's RFI documents. If Holloman should request any changes to the approved Table 2 RFI workplan, then NMED would be expected to review and comment on the proposed changes. However, Holloman is not expected to request any changes in the approved workplan.



Region 6 will continue to encourage NMED to comment on Holloman's RFI documents and will incorporate any future NMED comments into NOD letters to Holloman. It is Region 6's understanding that NMED would like to continue reviewing the POL washrack investigation because of the familiarity with this SWMU. NMED also intends to review SWMUs that are also IRP sites under Holloman's ongoing Installation Restoration Program. We welcome this involvement with Holloman's RFI.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Lowell Seaton of my staff at (214) 655-8304.

Sincerely yours,

  
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for Chief, RCRA Permits Branch