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MEMORANDUM FOR NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (NMED)

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SUBJECT: Notification of Potentially Contaminated Soil (PCS) and Voluntary Corrective Action Procedures Implemented during German Air Force (GAF) Beddown Activity

1. This notification is to inform NMED of PCS recently discovered during GAF beddown activity. The PCS was discovered along the flightline area on the main base, with the majority excavated around the former building 291 site. The building was demolished as part of the beddown project. Contamination in the area does not appear to be continuous, suggesting discrete areas of contamination from multiple sources. In addition, initial sample results have shown that not all excavated PCS was above base cleanup levels of 1,000 mg/kg Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH). All lab results have shown non-detects for benzene.

2. The US Air Force (USAF) has been in contact with Corps of Engineers' (COE) personnel. Since the GAF beddown is a MILCON project, it is USAF policy that any remediation of the site be conducted and paid for by the MILCON project funding. Therefore, our office has been working closely with the COE providing guidance concerning the proper management of PCS.

3. Basic guidance and procedures implemented are as follow:

a. Any PCS identified will be sampled for TPH and Benzene and results compared to base cleanup levels of 1,000 mg/kg TPH and 25 mg/kg Benzene.

b. Soil with sample results below cleanup levels will be deemed non-contaminated and managed as such.

c. Soil with sample results above cleanup levels will be managed as contaminated soil and disposed of appropriately.

d. PCS will be tracked, from the time it is originally identified to the time and place of disposal.

e. Any excavation pit will be sampled as well to confirm all contaminated soil was removed.

f. A staging area has been established. The area will be used only if soil stockpiles begin to delay construction activity for any reason.

A work plan for site activity is available and will be provided to your office upon your request.

5. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Jose Gallegos of our Environmental Flight at (505) 475-5395.

  
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