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February 10, 2004

Ms. Debbie Hartell  
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**RE: APPROVAL OF THE ADDITIONAL SOIL BORING AND MONITORING  
WELL INSTALLATION WORKPLAN FOR SWMU 123, HOLLOMAN AIR  
FORCE BASE  
EPA ID# NM6572124422  
HWB-HAFB-03-006**

Dear Ms. Hartell:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed Holloman Air Force Base's Soil Boring And Monitoring Well Installation Workplan for SWMU 123 dated November 2003.

NMED approves the workplan for implementation. However, the following considerations should be addressed during implementation of the proposed work.

1. Regardless of the findings at the DPT-2 location, at least one of the optional DPT soil borings should be installed in the area of or east of soil boring 123-B02, (Phase 1 Investigation Remedial Investigation Report, September 1997) which was drilled approximately 25 feet east of the abandoned waste oil tank. Soil boring 123-B02 showed elevated levels of Total Recoverable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TRPH) and volatile organic carbons (VOCs) constituents and therefore must be investigated in order to define the lateral extent of contamination in this direction.

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2. The ground water flow direction does not appear to be well established in this area based on the south/southwest flow directions at SWMUs LF-01 and SD-08, and the easterly ground water flow direction at Spill Site 02/05. Therefore, HAFB should consider installing an additional ground water monitoring well to the east of the release location.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 841-9488.

Sincerely,



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