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May 6, 2004

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**RE: APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT/SITE INSPECTION WORK  
PLAN FOR AOC-2, HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE  
EPA ID# NM6572124422  
HWB-HAFB-04-003**

Dear Ms. Hartell:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed Holloman Air Force Base's Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection Work Plan for AOC-2 dated December 2003.

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

1. **Section 2.2.3 DPT Soil Assessment and Figure 5:** This section proposes the advancement of six soil borings in locations depicted on Figure 5. NMED requests that the six soil borings be relocated as follows:
  - a. One in the center of the AOC-2 site
  - b. Four satellite locations within the fenced site around the center boring, within 50' to 100' of the center, and
  - c. One located outside of the fenced area southwest (downgradient) of the AOC-2 site.

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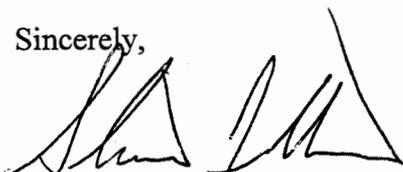
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2. **Section 2.2.3 DPT Soil Assessment:** This section states that the borings will be advanced to an anticipated depth of 20' bgs. Since the depth to ground water at the site is unknown, this section should indicate that borings will be advanced to 20' bgs, *or until ground water is encountered.*
3. **Section 3.1 Evaluation of Soil COCs:** This section indicates that any VOC, SVOC or metals concentrations detected in the soil will be evaluated against NMED's December 2000 Technical Background Document for Development of Soil Screening Levels. Please be advised that this document and associated soil screening levels (SSLs) have been updated effective February 2004. NMED requests that the 2004 SSLs be used in this investigation. This update is available on the NMED, Hazardous Waste Bureau web page (<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/HWB/guidance.html>).
4. **Additional Soil Analysis:** Because of the limited information on the history of this site, NMED will require analysis for pesticides, herbicides and polychlorinated biphenyls.
5. **Section 3.2 Evaluation of Groundwater COCs:** This section indicates that the definition of a toxic pollutant is found in Section 20.6.2.1101 NMAC. This definition is found in Section 20.6.2.7 NMAC.
6. **Section 6.4 Data Reporting:** This section states that sampling results will be tabulated and summarized in the PA/SI Report. Please be advised that NMED will require that the Method Detection Limits (MDLs), dates of sample collection, and QC results be presented on all results summary tables.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Strasser at (505) 841-9487 or myself at (505) 841-9488.

Sincerely,



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