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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 27, 2006

Ms. Debbie Hartell, Chief
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**RE: APPROVAL OF THE RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION FT-31 VOLUNTRARY CORRECTIVE MEASURES
COMPLETION REPORT (SWMUs 39, 127, 135, AND 170), APRIL 2006
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-05-002**

Dear Ms. Hartell:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed Holloman Air Force Base's (the **Permittee's**) May 5, 2006 response to NMED's July 27, 2005 Request For Supplemental Information for the FT-31 Voluntary Corrective Measures (VCM) Completion Report, dated February 2005, for the removal of petroleum-contaminated soils. The FT-31 site is shown on Table A of the Facility Permit for Container Storage Unit as Solid Waste Management Units 39, 127, 135 and 170. The subject document is hereby approved by the NMED.

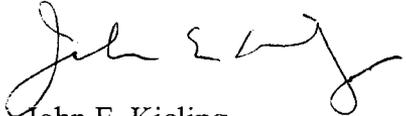
It should be noted that post-VCM groundwater at this site contains contaminants (volatile organic compounds and metals) at concentrations in excess of the NM Water Quality Control Commission's human health standards for groundwater. However, pursuant to 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, these standards only apply to groundwater with total dissolved solids (TDS) concentrations of less than 10,000 mg/L. The TDS concentrations at this site range from 23,700 mg/L to 35,400 mg/L. In addition, due to the remote location of this site, there are no current or potential exposure pathways (e.g. dermal contact, vapor inhalation or construction worker exposure) that would require the evaluation of potential exposure risk. Additionally, this site is the current location of a permitted petroleum-contaminated soil treatment landfarm regulated by

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the NMED Groundwater Quality Bureau through a Groundwater Discharge Permit, which requires regular groundwater monitoring.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David Strasser of my staff at (505) 222-9526 or at the above address.

Sincerely,



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