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November 7, 2007

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**RE: APPROVAL OF THE RCRA FACILITY ASSESSMENT
CONFIRMATORY SAMPLING WORK PLAN, MULTIPLE SITES
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-07-002**

Dear Ms. Hartell:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received Holloman Air Force Base's (the "Permittee") *Response to Notice of Deficiency for the RCRA Facility Assessment, Confirmatory Sampling Work Plan, Multiple Sites* (Response), dated October 15, 2007. NMED has reviewed the Response and hereby approves the aforementioned work plan with the following comments. The comment numbers refer to the original comment numbers as found in the notice of deficiency. NMED notes that the response was not received within the 30 calendar days that were given to the Permittee during which to respond.

Comment #5:

The Permittee was directed to install two additional borings north of and within 25 feet of Building 807. Based on the site description in the work plan, these are the most likely locations

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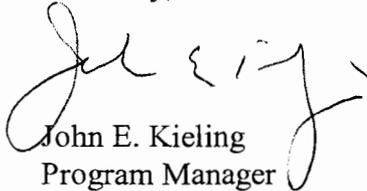
to confirm the presence or absence of soil staining observed during the 1988 RFA. The Permittee agreed to install the additional borings but the proposed locations are to the east and west of Building 807, instead of to the north. The Permittee shall relocate the additional borings to the north.

Comment #8:

The Permittee was directed to remove the remaining sandblasting debris from the ground around the telephone pole. This area, as reported in the work plan, "was observed to have black colored grit" and was described as a "small remaining area of staining." In the Response, the Permittee states that this "black grit" is actually a naturally-occurring biological soil crust that appears similar to black grit. Because of the ambiguity of the nature of the material, the Permittee must collect a sample of the material. The Permittee must collect the sample from the top 1-2 inches and analyze it for Target Analyte List metals. If the laboratory analysis indicates that the material is waste, the Permittee will remove the remaining waste until NMED soil screening levels are achieved.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Darlene Goering of my staff at (505) 222-9504.

Sincerely,



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