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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF DOCUMENT REVIEW DEADLINE EXTENSION
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NM, EPA ID# NM6572124422**

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has required that Holloman Air Force Base (the Permittee) perform a study to determine background concentrations of metals and some radiological constituents in soil and ground water throughout the base. This Background Study, once completed and approved, will be utilized by the NMED during review of the Permittee's facility investigation reports and corrective measures reports to assess risk associated with metals and some radiological constituents detected in soil and ground water at solid waste management units (SWMUs) requiring, or potentially requiring, corrective action.

The Permittee submitted a work plan for completion of the Background Study which is currently under final review by the NMED. However, the potential exists for this Background Study taking considerable time to complete. Pending completion of the Background Study, the Permittee has submitted several corrective action-related investigation and corrective measures reports for NMED review. Pursuant to the NMED's Hazardous Waste Permit and Corrective Action Fee Regulations (Fee Regulations), at 20.4.2.201(B)(1) NMAC, the NMED is to conduct the review of these corrective action documents within the time frames specified in Table 5 of the Fee Regulations (at 20.4.2.208 NMAC). The document review period starts after the

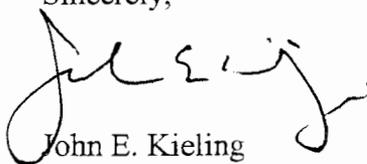
Permittee submits the appropriate fee for the document's review. The following corrective action documents have been submitted for NMED review and will rely on the Background Study.

- RCRA Facility Investigation Report, Building 131 Washrack, Site SD-08
- DP-63 Accelerated Corrective Measures Completion Report
- Supplemental RCRA Facility Investigation, LF-10 (SWMUs 101 and 109) and LF-29 (SWMU 104)
- Supplemental RCRA Facility Investigation, DP-30/SD-33 (SWMU 113), SS-39 (SWMUs 165, 177, 179 and 181), and SD-27 (SWMU 141)
- Accelerated Corrective Measures Completion Report, Sites SS-12 and OT-20

The above reports address the detection of metals in the soil and ground water. The NMED can not effectively review these documents until the Background Study is complete. Therefore, the Permittee is advised that the NMED will extend the deadline for review of these documents until the Background Study is approved. Once the Background Study is approved, the NMED will advise the Permittee of the review deadline dates at that time. Any other corrective action reports submitted before the Background Study is approved that address the presence of metals and/or radiological constituents in soil and/or ground water will result in a similar delay. The Permittee is advised that investigation and/or corrective action work plans will still be reviewed as required by the Fee Regulations. However, all work plans should include, where necessary, the comparison of the soon-to-be established background levels to detected concentrations of metals and/or radionuclides. Investigation and/or corrective measures reports that do not address detections of metals and/or radionuclides in soil and/or ground water will also be reviewed as required by the Fee Regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David Strasser at (505) 222-9526.

Sincerely,



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