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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

February 19, 2010

Mr. David Scruggs, Chief  
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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL  
SWMUs 122 AND 123, RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION WORK  
PLAN, DECEMBER 28, 2009  
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422  
HWB-HAFB-08-009**

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed Holloman Air Force Base's (the Permittee's) December 28, 2009 submittal of the response to the Notice of Disapproval dated October 7, 2009. NMED hereby concurs with the responses. As specified in Section 6.3.4 of the revised Work Plan, a peristaltic pump is proposed to be used to collect groundwater samples. NMED notes that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are part of the suite of analytes to be sampled for. The Permittee is advised that the use of a peristaltic pump to collect VOC samples is not permitted as volatilization of the VOCs could occur. Therefore, the Permittee must use an alternate method of sampling groundwater (e.g., bailing or low flow submersible pump).

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

Sincerely,



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