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New Mexico Environment Department
Attn: Mr. James Bearzi
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Dear Mr. Bearzi

The results of the 1st Quarter sampling event conducted at the Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB) 20,000-Pound Open Detonation Unit on 3 and 4 March 2011 demonstrated concentrations of nitroglycerin above NMED Soil Screening Levels (SSLs). Sample OD-SO-A-01 yielded a result of 8,000 ug/kg which is above the regulatory limit of 6,110 ug/kg. As per the permit, this sample was re-sampled on 29 March 2011 with similar results. The result of the re-sample was 18,000 ug/kg (nitroglycerin). Therefore, contamination has been verified to exceed action levels and HAFB, in accordance with Holloman AFB's 20,000-Pound Open Detonation Permit and we elect to perform additional sampling.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Scruggs of our Asset Management Flight at (575) 572-5395.

Sincerely

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