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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 20, 2012

A. David Budak
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**RE: JANUARY 26, 2012 RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 29, 2011 NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL FOR CLASS 3 PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST AND FACT SHEET/STATEMENT OF BASIS FOR APPROVAL OF NO FURTHER ACTION FOR SEVEN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS AND AREAS OF CONCERN, NOVEMBER 2011
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-08-005**

Dear Mr. Budak:

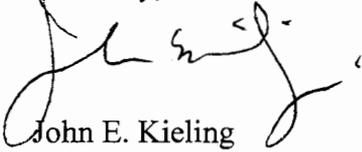
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed Holloman Air Force Base's (the Permittee's) January 26, 2012 response to NMED's December 29, 2011 Notice of Disapproval (NOD) for the Class 3 Permit Modification Request (PMR) for Seven Solid Waste Management Units/Areas of Concern (SWMUs/AOCs) that was submitted November 2011. NMED has determined that the response satisfies the requirements of the NOD, and thus, the request for a Class 3 Permit Modification is now deemed complete.

NMED will prepare a public notice regarding the Class 3 PMR which will be made available for public comment. NMED will also provide a copy of the public notice to the Permittee as well as copies of any comments received and will advise the Permittee if a public hearing is scheduled. The Permittee is also advised that the public participation procedures for the subject PMR will be combined with that for the Class 3 PMR for ten SWMUs/AOCs received by the NMED on December 14, 2011. Consequently, the final decision on whether to grant the two PMRs in full or part will be made at the same time.

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

Sincerely,



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