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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 1, 2012

A. David Budak
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**RE: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL
RELEASE ASSESSMENT REPORT, SITE SS-18, FEBRUARY 2011
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-11-001**

Dear Mr. Budak:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed Holloman Air Force Base's (the Permittee's) Release Assessment Report for Site SS-18 (AOC-H) which was received on March 1, 2011. The NMED is approving the Report with the following conditions:

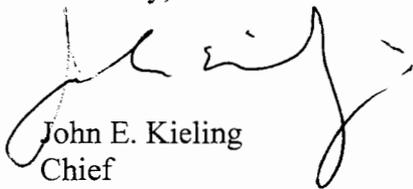
1. The conclusions and recommendations offered in the subject Report do not adequately address the presence of metals (arsenic, manganese and thallium) in concentrations in the ground water in excess of the approved basewide background levels and maximum contaminant levels. In order to show that the concentrations of these metals in ground water can be considered as background concentrations specific to the site (as specified in the Report conclusions), the Permittee must analyze ground water from three (3) locations outside of the established volatile organic compound (VOC) plume for Target Analyte List metals. These samples can be collected from existing monitoring wells and

the data provided in the report that will be submitted providing the results of the additional characterization activities proposed in the subject Report.

2. In the forthcoming supplemental release assessment report, the Permittee shall provide individual VOC isoconcentration maps on separate figures for each of the various contaminants in ground water (e.g. 1,1-DCA, TCE, etc.) and one figure showing the combined isoconcentrations.

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

Sincerely,



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