February 3, 2015

Ms. DeAnna Rothhaupt
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RE: APPROVAL
2012 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING PROGRESS REPORT,
SITE SS-61, BUILDING 1001 FUEL SPILL SITE, MARCH 2013
AREA OF CONCERN 1001
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE
EPA ID # NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-13-002

Dear Ms. Rothhaupt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the Holloman Air Force Base (the Permittee) 2012 Annual Performance Monitoring Progress Report, Site SS-61, Building 1001 Fuel Spill Site March 2013, (hereafter the “Report”) for Area of Concern 1001 received on March 26, 2013. The NMED hereby approves the Report concurring with the recommendation that an analysis be conducted on the water lines along Dezonia Road to demonstrate that the areas of groundwater with total dissolved solids (TDS) at less than 10,000 milligrams/liter (mg/L) actually result from freshwater pipe line releases. However, the NMED does not necessarily agree with the Permittee’s assertion that the aquifer in this area should be classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a Class III B aquifer (TDS>10,000 mg/L) which is designated as unfit for human consumption.

The NMED concurs with the Permittee’s recommendation that remedial operations, including quarterly reporting, continue for a minimum of six additional quarters, at which time a decision will be made regarding additional remedial activities at the site.
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. David Strasser of my staff at (505) 222-9526.

Sincerely,

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Chief  
Hazardous Waste Bureau

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