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RE: APPROVAL
RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION REPORT AOC-U, LOST RIVER BASIN,
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO, MARCH 2013
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-13-004

Dear Ms. Rothhaupt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the Holloman Air Force Base (Permittee) RCRA Facility Investigation Report AOC-U, Lost River Basin, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, March 2013, received on May 8, 2013. The subject report is hereby approved.

The Permittee may request a Class 3 modification to the permit to change the status of AOC-U from Corrective Action Required to Corrective Action Complete in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §270.42(c). The Class 3 modification process includes requirements for public notice and for providing opportunity for public comment that are mandatory. NMED’s preliminary determination that corrective action is complete is subject to NMED’s reservation of rights if new information or unknown conditions indicate the existence of a potential threat to human health or the environment.

AOC-U, the Lost River Basin, receives surface runoff and groundwater migration from three sites around its perimeter: OT-37 (AOC-L); OT-38 (SWMU-137); and, SS-39 (SWMUs 165, 177, 179 and 181). Corrective action is still ongoing at these three sites. A determination of Corrective Action Complete for AOC-U does not preclude future
remedial activities at the sites referenced above. Should contamination from these sites impact AOC-U, or should other sites in the vicinity have the potential to contaminate soil, groundwater or surface water at AOC-U, future remedial activities may be required within the Lost River Basin (AOC-U).

As part of the permit modification process, new information may become available during the public comment period indicating that a given site is not protective of human health or the environment. NMED reserves all rights to withdraw its preliminary decision that corrective action is complete, if new information indicates that further corrective action is needed to protect human health or the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Brian Salem of my staff at (505) 222-9576.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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