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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

January 19, 2016

DeAnna M. Rothhaupt  
Chief, Holloman AFB Environmental  
49<sup>th</sup> CES/CEIE  
550 Tabosa Avenue  
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**RE: APPROVAL  
EVALUATION OF ARSENIC IN GROUNDWATER AT SS-13 (AOC-J),  
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO, NOVEMBER 2015  
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422  
HWB-HAFB-12-001**

Dear Ms. Rothhaupt:

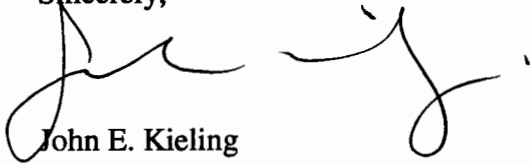
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the Holloman Air Force Base (Permittee) document: *Evaluation of Groundwater at SS-13 (AOC-J), Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, November 2015*, which was received on November 13, 2015. The subject groundwater characterization report is approved.

The Permittee may request a Class 3 modification to change the status of SS-13 (AOC-J) from Corrective Action Required to Corrective Action Complete in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §270.42(c). The Class 3 permit modification (PMR) 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 in the event that new information or unknown conditions are discovered. As part of the PMR process, new information may become available during the public comment period that conditions at a given site are 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Kieling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke.

John E. Kieling  
Chief  
Hazardous Waste Bureau

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