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March 9, 2016

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**RE: APPROVAL
TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF CATEGORY 2 SEPTIC SITES, SEPTEMBER
16, 2015
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID # NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-14-003**

Dear Ms. Rothhaupt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the above referenced document (Report) dated September 16, 2015 and submitted by Holloman Air Force Base (the Permittee) on November 17, 2015. The Report was submitted in response to NMED's October 21, 2015 letter approving the Amended Voluntary Corrective Measures Work Plan for Group 1 Septic System Sites (VCM WP) dated August 2015. NMED's letter advised that the VCM WP did not address sixteen of the inactive and removed Category 2 Septic Sites and requested a written explanation as to why these systems were not included. In response, the Permittee submitted the subject Report which provided a technical evaluation of the remaining Category 2 septic sites. The evaluation recommends additional investigation of eight sites and no further action (NFA) for seven sites, as described below. The final site, Building 1284, is considered active and does not require further investigation at this time. The septic systems are referred to by their associated building's number.

Buildings 638 and 639 – The evaluation recommended NFA (Category 3) for both of these systems as they are located within the boundary of Solid Waste Management Unit 229, the T-38 Test Cell Fuel Spill Site, which is currently undergoing remediation

through source removal. This action will incidentally remove any potential source from the septic sites.

Building 640 – Recommended for NFA (Category 3) as a septic system was never present at this site. Engineering records indicate that this building was constructed without a septic system.

Building 642 – Recommended for NFA (Category 3) as records show that this septic system only accepted domestic waste.

Building 700 - Recommended for NFA (Category 3) as a septic system was never present at this site. Engineering records indicate that this building has always been connected to the base sanitary sewer system.

Building 702 – Recommended for further investigation (Category 1) and system removal, as it previously accepted effluent from the Refueler Maintenance area.

Building 1142 - Recommended for NFA (Category 3) as records show that this septic system only accepted domestic waste.

Building 1155 - Recommended for further investigation (Category 1) because the location and status of the septic tank and leachfield could not be determined.

Buildings 1158 and 1168 - Recommended for NFA (Category 3) as a septic system was never present at these sites. The buildings were for storage and observation posts only.

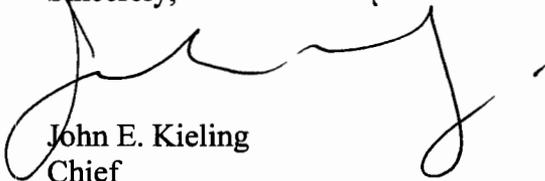
Buildings 1173, 1174, 1178, 1179, 1180 and 1183 - Recommended grouping these removed systems together for further investigation (Category 1). These six buildings had a combined septic system that received domestic and industrial waste (welding, machine and corrosion control shops).

NMED agrees with all of the preceding recommendations. The Permittee shall submit an amended VCM WP that includes the eight sites recommended for further investigation and provide the anticipated submittal date for the Report on the activities proposed in the VCM WP by no later than **June 6, 2016**.

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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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