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August 5, 2016

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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS
GROUNDWATER MONITORING PLAN SS-017 – BASE EXCHANGE GAS
STATION FUEL SPILL (AREA OF CONCERN Q), HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE
BASE, NEW MEXICO, JUNE 2016
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-16-014**

Dear Mr. Kusmak:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the work plan: *Groundwater Monitoring Plan SS-017 – Base Exchange Gas Station Fuel Spill (Area of Concern Q), Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, June 2016*, which was received on June 30, 2016. The subject work plan is approved with the following modification and comment.

Since 1,2-dichloroethane (EDC) was detected in groundwater during at least one previous groundwater monitoring event and release(s) occurred at the site in the 1970s, the Permittee must analyze all groundwater samples during one sampling event, conducted during the first year of monitoring, for ethylene dibromide (EDB) using EPA Method 8011 in addition to the chemical analyses proposed in the work plan.

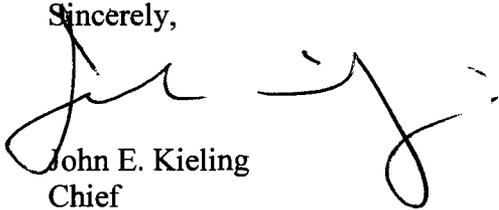
The work plan did not provide adequate information to determine site conditions. Minimal or no data related to groundwater elevations, flow directions, groundwater quality or other subsurface conditions (e.g., subsurface vapor contamination, subsurface utility corridors, remaining soil contaminant concentrations) was presented in the plan although some information can be

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garnered by inference. The NMED understands that all wells at the site will be monitored and sampled during the next monitoring event, which resulted in this approval; however, future plans must provide background information sufficient to provide any reader with a basic understanding of site conditions in order to evaluate proposed work. In the future, work plans that do not contain adequate supporting information will not be approved.

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

Sincerely,



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