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August 23, 2016

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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS
SS-039 – MISSILE FUEL SPILL AREA RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND
RECOVERY ACT FACILITY INVESTIGATION AND GROUNDWATER
MONITORING WORK PLAN, HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW
MEXICO, JUNE 2016
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-16-015**

Dear Mr. Kusmak:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the report: *SS-039 – Missile Fuel Spill Area Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation and Groundwater Monitoring Work Plan, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, June 2016*, which was received on June 27, 2016. The RFI Work Plan (RFI WP) is hereby approved; however, the Groundwater Monitoring Work Plan (GMWP) included with the RFI WP is not approved.

A GMWP proposing semi-annual groundwater monitoring was included as Appendix A of the RFI WP. Submittal of a groundwater monitoring work plan as part of a RFI WP is not appropriate and can complicate approval of a document and also create document tracking difficulties. Therefore, the Permittee must submit a separate work plan that provides the details of proposed periodic groundwater monitoring that includes the necessary background information and the rationale for the proposed work.

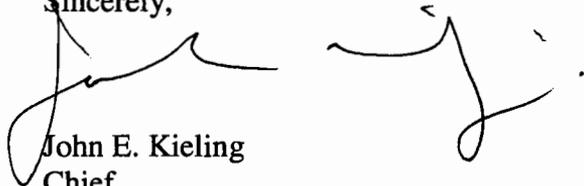
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The work plan must include descriptions of site surface and subsurface conditions and all proposed work in sufficient detail for the reader to understand the scope of proposed work and the methods that will be used to complete the work including all data collection methods and management of investigation-derived waste. The descriptions must be adequate to allow the reader to evaluate the basis for the proposed work and whether the proposed methods will generate valid and defensible data. In addition, the work plan must include a proposed schedule for implementation of the monitoring work plan and proposed dates for submittal of separate reports summarizing the results of periodic groundwater monitoring.

The GMWP discussed above must be submitted to NMED no later than **November 30, 2016**.

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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