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March 29, 2017

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**RE: APPROVAL
FISCAL YEAR 2015 GROUNDWATER MONITORING REPORT SS-039 –
MISSILE FUEL SPILL AREA (SWMUS 165, 177, 179 & 181), HOLLOMAN AIR
FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO, DECEMBER 2016
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-17-003**

Dear Mr. Kusmak:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the report: *Fiscal Year 2015 Groundwater Monitoring Report SS-039 – Missile Fuel Spill Area (SWMUs 165, 177, 179 & 181), Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, December 2016*, which was received on February 16, 2017. The Groundwater Monitoring Report is hereby approved.

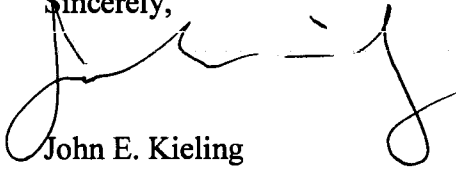
HAFB reported that no evidence of the Building 1176 Pond (Solid Waste Management Unit [SWMU] 165) was found at or near its reported location. CAC status may be proposed specifically for SWMU 165 based upon the criteria that a SWMU cannot be located, does not exist, or is located within and, therefore, investigated as part of another SWMU. Therefore, NMED is making a preliminary determination that corrective action is complete at SWMU 165 subject to NMED's reservation of rights for new information or unknown conditions. Pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 270.42 (c), the Permittees may submit a Class 3 permit modification request to NMED to change the status of SWMU 165 from Corrective Action Required to Corrective Action Complete. The process for a Class 3 permit modification

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includes mandatory requirements for public notice and for providing opportunity for public comment. As part of the permit modification process, new information may become available during the public comment period that granting corrective action complete at SWMU 165 is not protective of human health or the environment. NMED reserves all rights to withdraw its preliminary determination 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 letter, please contact Mr. Brian Salem of my staff at (505) 222-9576.

Sincerely,



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