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April 18, 2017

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**RE: APPROVAL WITH COMMENTS
TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM, RISK ASSESSMENT SCREENING FOR SITE
OT-37 (AOC L) AND SITE OT-38 (SWMU 137), HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE
BASE, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 2017
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-17-004**

Dear Mr. Kusmak:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the report: *Technical Memorandum, Risk Assessment Screening for Site OT-37 (AOC L) and Site OT-38 (SWMU 137), Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, February 2017*, which was received on February 16, 2017. The subject report is approved with the following comments:

The risk evaluation was performed in general accordance with the NMED's *Risk Assessment Guidance for Site Investigations and Remediation* (July 2015). This *Guidance* was updated effective March 2017. All future risk evaluations at Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB) shall be conducted in accordance with the updated guidance.

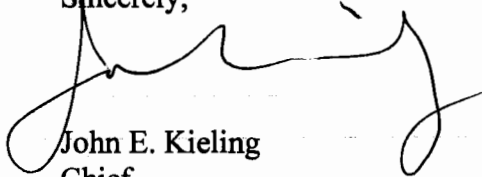
HAFB has proposed Corrective Action Complete (CAC) status for sites OT-37 (Area of Concern [AOC] L) and OT-38 (Solid Waste Management Unit [SWMU] 137). CAC status may be proposed based upon the criteria that a site was characterized or remediated in accordance with applicable state and/or federal regulations, and the available data indicate that the residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable level of risk under current and projected future land

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use. Therefore, NMED is making a preliminary determination that corrective action is complete at sites OT-37 and OT-38 subject to NMED's reservation of rights for new information or unknown conditions. As part of the permit modification process, new information may become available during the public comment period that granting corrective action complete without controls at sites OT-37 and OT-38 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 or at the address indicated in the letterhead of this letter.

Sincerely,



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