

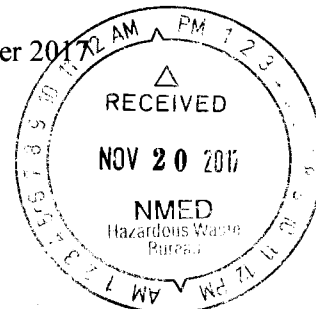
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SUBJECT: Request for Extension for implementation of the Investigation of sites SS-74 and TU-912

Dear Mr. Kieling,

The area encompassing TU-912 and SS-74 has been observed by David Strasser in May and then in August by Brian Salem. This site is currently being used as a temporary Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) flying facility for both training and operational missions. This facility is "Mission Critical" to base operations. Activities on this site are 24/7 with very few/limited breaks in schedule.

Since the initial assessment, and nearly 30 months of work plan preparation and approval, additional ground control stations (pilot control booths), buried and above ground temporary utilities have been added to the secure area. The SS-74 and adjacent TU-912 remain extremely secure, being located in the access-restricted flight-line area and behind additional limited access fencing. Implementing the approved investigation plan for the sites is estimated to take 7 to 10 consecutive days without the presence of UAV systems.

At present, the existing approved work plan for both sites would not be possible to implement in a timely, safe and effective manner. Even limited work outside of the fencing area poses risks to the mission of the facilities and would most likely not provide sufficient characterization of the site. And any data collected would most likely require re-examination in future efforts when the facility is more accessible. Currently, Air Force industrial hygienists routinely monitor the air quality inside the facility for potential risks due to ambient vapors and dust to assure no impact to pilots and personnel in this critical facility.

The current ground control station facility is temporary and a permanent facility is projected to be complete in the next two years. Our leadership has asked us to request a delay in implementing the investigation at SS-74 and TU-912 until the area can be accessed without

restriction. At that time, investigation operations could be implemented fully, as planned, without any delay or obstruction. Therefore, we request a 24- month extension for implementation of the approved work plans for these sites.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this submittal, please contact me at (575) 572-6675.

Sincerely,

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