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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 29, 2019

Mr. Adam Kusmak
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Holloman AFB, NM 88330

**RE: APPROVAL
FINAL DP030/SD033 (SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT 113B) INTERIM
CORRECTIVE MEASURES REPORT, JULY 2018
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID # NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-18-011**

Dear Mr. Kusmak:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the Holloman Air Force Base (Permittee) February 21, 2019 response to NMED's January 24, 2019 Approval with Modification (Approval) for the *Final DP030/SD033 (Solid Waste Management Unit 113B) Interim Corrective Measures Report* dated July 2018 (Report). The response and, subsequently, the Report are hereby approved.

As indicated in the Approval letter, the Report recommended that annual monitoring of the groundwater contaminant plume continue until trichloroethylene (TCE) concentrations in all monitoring wells are below the action level. NMED concurred with this recommendation and required a minimum of two additional annual groundwater monitoring events prior to the site qualifying for corrective action complete (CAC) status.

The Permittee's response to the Approval states that the Report Section recommending continued monitoring was an inadvertent remnant from a previous report prepared for the site. The recommendation has been overcome by subsequent events, primarily vapor sampling and risk

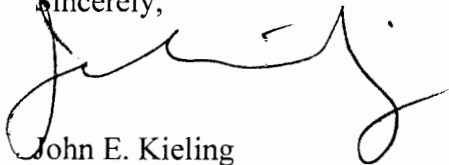
evaluation for vapor intrusion, which demonstrated that there is no complete exposure pathway for TCE in groundwater. Based on the results of the vapor sampling and the subsequent risk-based human health evaluation, additional corrective action is not required at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 113B at this time.

The Permittee may request a Class 3 permit modification for CAC for SWMU 113B in accordance with 40 CFR §270.42(c). The Class 3 modification process includes requirements for public notice and for providing opportunity for public comment that are mandatory. NMED's preliminary determination that corrective action is complete is subject to NMED's reservation of rights related to new information or unknown conditions. As part of this process, new information may become available prior to or during the public comment period that a given site is not protective of human health or the environment. NMED reserves all rights to withdraw its preliminary decision that corrective action is complete, if new information indicates that further corrective action is needed to protect human health or the environment.

Approval of the Report is based on the information presented in the document as it relates to the objectives of the work identified by NMED at the time of review. Approval of this document does not constitute agreement with all information or every statement presented in the document.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. David Strasser of my staff at (505) 222-9526.

Sincerely,



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