July 26, 2019

Mr. Adam Kusmak  
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RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATION  
FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT FACILITY  
INVESTIGATION REPORT, SS002 – PETROLEUM, OIL AND LUBRICANTS STORAGE TANK  
SPILL SITE 1 (AREA OF CONCERN T), FEBRUARY 2019  
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID # NM6572124422  
HWB-HAFB-19-003

Dear Mr. Kusmak:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the above referenced Facility Investigation Report (Report) received from Holloman Air Force Base (Permittee) on February 6, 2019. The Report is hereby approved with the following modification.

Section 7.2 of the Report, Conclusion and Recommendations, requests that site SS002 (AOC-T) be granted corrective action complete (CAC) without controls status. This request is based on the site meeting both no further action Criterion #3 (no release to the environment has occurred or is likely to occur in the future from the site) and Criterion #5 (the site has been characterized or remediated in accordance with current applicable state or federal regulations, and the available data indicate that contaminants pose an acceptable level of risk under current and project future land use) from Appendix 4-B of the facility’s Hazardous Waste Permit. Criterion #3 is not applicable as there has, in fact, been a release to the environment at the site.
Based on the results of the vapor sampling and the subsequent human health and ecological risk evaluation, additional corrective action is not required at AOC-T at this time based on Permit Criterion #5. The Permittee may request a Class 3 permit modification for CAC for AOC-T 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.

This approval 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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