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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 6, 2019

Mr. Adam Kusmak
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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATION
FINAL SR859A FORMER SKEET RANGE 2 AND TS862A JEEP TARGET AREA SKEET RANGE,
NON-TIME CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION WORK PLAN, OCTOBER 2018
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-19-006**

Dear Mr. Kusmak:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the above referenced Non-Time Critical Removal Action Work Plan (Work Plan) received from Holloman Air Force Base on March 13, 2019. The Work Plan is hereby approved with the following modification.

The report for a Phase II Comprehensive Site Evaluation (CSE) conducted in 2013 at both Munitions Response Areas, now designated as Areas of Concern (AOC)-859 and AOC-862, recommended splitting each of them into two sites: SR859 (34.3 acres) and SR859a (8 acres) and TS862 (34.6 acres) and TS862a (5.7 acres). This was recommended based on the perceived lack of Munitions Constituents (MCs) exceeding regulatory screening levels at the larger sites. These sites were recommended for Corrective Action Complete (CAC) in the Phase II CSE Report. CAC status was not approved by the NMED because the Phase II CSE Report was not provided for review. The smaller sites were recommended for future response actions due to the presence of MCs (lead and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) in soil that exceed NMED soil screening levels. The proposed response included soil, lead shot, and clay target debris removal and

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disposal and post-excavation confirmation sampling.

NMED approves the recommendations in the CSE Report for the smaller sites. However, the Work Plan still supports the CSE Report's recommendation that no further response actions are required for the larger sites. NMED does not approve of this recommendation. The proposed remediation activities must include removal of any visible deposits of lead shot that may occur within the entirety of AOCs TS-859 and TS-862.

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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