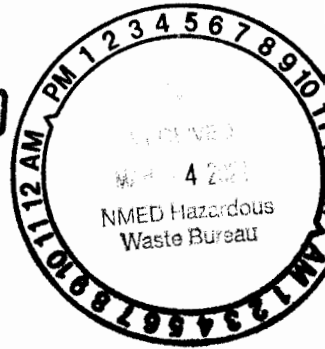




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SUBJECT: Request for Extension - Amended Corrective Action Permit Application (i.e., Revised Closure and Post Closure Care Plans) 20,000-Pound Open Detonation Unit (OD20K)/Solid Waste Management Unit 168 Holloman Air Force Base, NM

Dear Mr. Pierard,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) requested in their 28 August 2020 approval letter for the *Final Interim Measures Report – Revision 1, OD20K 20,000-Pound Open Detonation Unit, Solid Waste Management Unit 168, April 2020* (Report), a submission of the revised Post Closure Care Plan for groundwater at OD20K to amend the corrective action permit application no later than November 1, 2020. The Post Closure Care Plan for OD20K will include the annual groundwater sampling for analyses of perchlorate, nitrate, and total dissolved solids and annual groundwater monitoring reports for the next 30 years. In addition, Holloman Air Force Base will revise the Closure Plan to include discussion of the completed NMED-approved removal action of perchlorate-contaminated soil. In October 2020, Holloman Air Force Base submitted an *Extension Request – Amended Corrective Action Permit Application*, because NMED had not yet approved the Supplemental Interim Measures Work Plan for delineating the perchlorate plume in groundwater. On November 23, 2020, NMED issued an approval to that extension request, providing a revised due date for the Amended Corrective Action Permit Application of February 22, 2021.

In the meantime, NMED approved the Supplemental Interim Measures Work Plan for delineation of the perchlorate plume in groundwater on October 28, 2020. The plume delineation field work was performed in January 2021. Preparation of the Interim Measures Report for delineation of perchlorate in groundwater is ongoing, and submittal to NMED is expected by early June 2021.

It is our expectation that the submittal of the Amended Corrective Action Permit Application will follow NMED review and approval of the Interim Measures Report, which would provide concurrence that perchlorate in groundwater has been delineated and that the monitoring well network has been defined for Post Closure Care. Therefore, we respectfully request an extension of the February 22, 2021 due date for the Amended Corrective Action Permit Application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (575) 572-6675.

Sincerely,

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