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October 12, 2021

Mr. Adam Kusmak
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**RE: APPROVAL
SUPPLEMENTAL INTERIM MEASURES REPORT FOR GROUNDWATER OD20K 20,000-
POUND OPEN DETONATION UNIT, JUNE 2021
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE
EPA ID # NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-21-003**

Dear Mr. Kusmak,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the U.S. Air Force (Permittee) Holloman Air Force Base (Facility) *Supplemental Interim Measures Report for Groundwater OD20K 20,000-Pound Open Detonation Unit, June 2021*, (Report) on June 30, 2021. NMED has reviewed the Report and hereby issues this Approval.

NMED agrees that the extent of perchlorate contamination at SWMU 168 (OD20K) has been adequately characterized. Section 3.2, Path Forward for OD20K of the Report, states in part, that "a certificate of closure will be prepared stating that soil is clean-closed but post-closure care is required for groundwater." Permit Attachment F, Closure Plan, Partial and Final Closure Activities, states that there will be no partial closure of the OD Unit. Thus, a certificate of closure is not appropriate at this time. The Permittee must submit an amended permit application that includes a Post Closure Care Plan (PCCP). The PCCP must include a certification that hazardous waste treatment activities are no longer conducted at the OD20K.

NMED's approval of the second extension request for the amended corrective action permit application dated April 19, 2021, states that the revised permit application must be submitted to NMED no later than September 30, 2021. NMED is extending the due date to submit the amended permit application with the OD20K PCCP to **January 31, 2022**.

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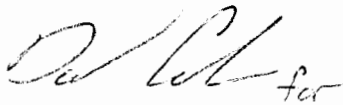
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This approval is based on the information presented in the document as it relates to the objectives of the work identified by NMED at the time of review. Approval of this document does not constitute agreement with all information or every statement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

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Naomi Davidson at (505) 690-7567.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ricardo Maestas' with a small 'for' written below the name.

Ricardo Maestas
Acting Chief
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