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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 5, 2011

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**RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE SOIL EXCAVATION
PURSUANT TO APPENDIX B OF THE 2009 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
AND STIPULATED FINAL ORDER, HWB-09-00 (CO)
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM9570024423**

Dear Colonel Hornyak and Mr. Pike:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received Kirtland Air Force Base's September 6, 2011 letter requesting an extension of time to complete soil excavation, stockpiling, testing, and disposal at the Bulk Fuel Facility per Appendix B of the September 28, 2009 Settlement Agreement (2009 Settlement Agreement). Appendix B states that KAFB will complete the soil excavation and testing by September 30, 2011 along with the replacement of the fuel tank system. As reasons for its extension request, KAFB states that it has developed a plan for the soil excavation and removal that will require excavation to a greater depth than originally anticipated and a testing and disposal protocol that is more protective of human health and the environment. Given the increased scope of soil excavation and sampling, KAFB anticipates that it will complete the soil excavation project no later than March 31, 2012.

Pursuant to the 2009 Settlement Agreement, Section VIII ¶20, NMED approves the request for extension. The completion soil excavation, sampling, and disposal at the Bulk Fuel Facility shall be executed in accordance with the Settlement Agreement no later than March 31, 2012.

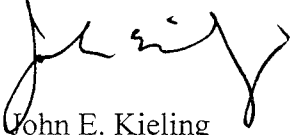
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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely,



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