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**RE: FINAL: SWMU ASSESSMENT REPORT: ZIA PARK (CS-571) AND ASPHALT
DUMP AREA (OT-C573), MARCH 2012
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM9570024423
HWB-KAFB-12-010**

Dear Col. Kubinec and Mr. Pike:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the document *Final: SWMU Assessment Report: Zia Park (CS-571) and Asphalt Dump Area (OT-C573), March 2012*, received on June 5, 2012. In this document, Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc., contractor for the U. S. Air Force (Permittee), proposes emplacing 25 hand-augured shallow soil borings from two to three feet to investigate two mounds of apparent construction debris left over from demolishing old housing. An old hand-drawn map showed this area was used previously for chemical warfare training.

The Asphalt Dump Area consists of a pushed-up pile of asphalt from an old aircraft staging area. Forty nine four-foot borings are proposed on the mounds from which samples will be collected from one foot and four feet below the mound surface along with samples from 28 two-foot borings around the perimeter of the mounds.

Samples will be analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs, TPH-DRO, TPH-GRO, and TAL metals. If soil contamination in excess of the compound-specific cleanup levels found in the Permittee's Permit Part 6, Section 6.2.3, the Permittee shall excavate those contaminated soils as detailed in the

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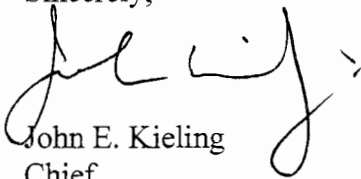
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documents *Final: Accelerated Corrective Measures Work Plan, Zia Park (CS-571), March 2012*
and *Final: Accelerated Corrective Measures Work Plan: Asphalt Dump Area (OT-C573), March 2012*, submitted by the Permittees on July 26, 2012.

NMED hereby approves the subject report.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. William Moats of my staff at (505) 222-9551.

Sincerely,



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