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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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Colonel John Kubinec  
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**RE: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA) CORRECTIVE  
ACTION QUARTERLY REPORTS KIRTLAND AFB, NEW MEXICO, 01 JULY  
09 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 09; 01 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 09; AND 01  
JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2010, EPA ID# NM9570024423  
KAFB-09-018, KAFB-10-006 AND KAFB-10-021**

Dear Col. Kubinec and Mr. Pike:

The New Mexico Environment Department (the Department) has reviewed the subject reports and approves them subject to the following corrections.

- Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) RW-68 (August 28, 2003, Class 3 Permit Modification) and DP-067 (August 3, 2005, Class 3 Permit Modification) are listed on Table I-3 of the U. S. Air Force's (Permittee's) Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility Operating Permit for the Open Detonation Unit (Permit). Table I-3 lists sites requiring corrective action.
- Unit/AOCs Not Requiring Corrective Action: Site 6-19 is a SWMU located within the boundary of the Open Detonation Unit and was a former burn pit. SWMU 6-19 is listed on Table I-3 of the Permit and requires corrective action.
- Non-RCRA Units: ST-105 Nitrate/TCE Contamination is currently listed in the subject reports as an Area of Concern (AOC). "Area of Concern" (AOC) is defined as any area

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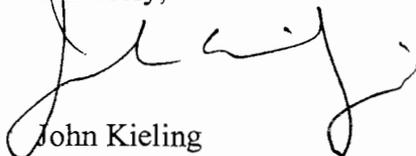


of the Facility under the control or ownership of the Permittee, which is not a solid waste management unit where a release of a hazardous waste or hazardous constituent has occurred, or is suspected to have occurred regardless of the frequency or duration of the release. An area of concern includes areas and structures at which releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents were not fully remediated, including one time and accidental events. Groundwater samples obtained from AOC ST-105 monitoring wells continue to contain concentrations of TCE, chloroform, toluene and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Further investigation of AOC ST-105 is necessary to determine the extent of groundwater contamination at the site. The Permittee is hereby directed to request a Class 1 permit modification of the Permit to list AOC ST-105 on Table I-3 of the Permit. The Permittee must make the request for the Class 1 permit modification by no later than **April 1, 2013**.

Any SWMU or AOC on Table I-3 of the Permittee's Permit shall be listed in the Permittee's future quarterly reports as requiring corrective action.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. William McDonald of my staff at (505) 222-9582.

Sincerely,



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Chief  
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