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AUG 15 2013

Colonel Tom D. Miller  
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Kirtland AFB NM 87117

Mr. Tom Blaine, Manager  
Environmental Health Division Director  
Environmental Health Division  
New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)  
1190 St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Mr. Blaine

Kirtland Air Force Base should be submitting our permit renewal application for *Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility Operating Permit, EPA Id. No. NM9570024423 to the United States Air Force for the Open Detonation Unit located at Kirtland Air Force Base, Bernalillo County, New Mexico*, no later than 16 August 2013. However, due to recent Air Force wide furloughs and restructuring of the Air Force environmental community, our efforts to complete the renewal application have been delayed. At this time we are requesting an additional six (6) month extension to complete and submit the permit renewal application. If granted, the permit renewal application submission deadline will be 14 February 2014.

Background:

On 15 July 2010, NMED issued *Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility Operating Permit, EPA Id. No. NM9570024423 to the United States Air Force for the Open Detonation Unit located at Kirtland Air Force Base, Bernalillo County, New Mexico*, with an effective date of 16 August 2010, for the treatment of hazardous waste at the Open Detonation (OD) Unit. Per the terms of the permit, §1.10 established a fixed term of three (3) years with a corresponding expiration date of 16 August 2013. Additionally, § 1.14 requires the permit renewal application to be submitted at least 180 calendar days before expiration or no later than 17 February 2013. A six month extension on the permit renewal application was approved by your office on 12 March 2013, with a new renewal application deadline of 16 August 2013.

Subsequent to the issuance of the permit, Kirtland AFB provided notice that it would cease all treatment activities at the OD Unit and move forward on its closure. A closure plan was submitted for review and approval. However, NMED issued Notices of Deficiency (NODs) for the OD Unit closure plan, as well as the previously submitted Open Burn (OB) Unit closure plan. Both closure plans were revised per the NODs and resubmitted to your office in March 2013, awaiting approval from your office.

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We appreciate your understanding and assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns about this extension request, please contact Mr. L. Wayne Bitner at (505) 853-3484 ([ludie.bitner@kirtland.af.mil](mailto:ludie.bitner@kirtland.af.mil)) or Mr. Cole Crossgrove at (505) 853-3098 ([cole.crossgrove@kirtland.af.mil](mailto:cole.crossgrove@kirtland.af.mil)).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom D. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Miller" clearly distinguishable.

TOM D. MILLER, Colonel, USAF  
Commander

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