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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 15, 2016

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**RE: Temporary Permission to Discharge, Kirtland Air Force Base, Bulk Fuels Facility,
Golf Course Main Pond, DP-1770**

Dear Mr. Bitner:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed your request dated March 15, 2016, for temporary permission to discharge treated groundwater to the Golf Course Main Pond (GCMP) at the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course. Groundwater is to be extracted from wells KAFB-106228R, KAFB-106233 and KAFB-106234 for the purpose of remediating groundwater contaminated with ethylene dibromide (EDB). Extracted groundwater will be treated using granular activated carbon for EDB removal to below the 0.05 µg/L maximum contaminant level (MCL) prior to discharge to the GCMP. The proposed discharge is located at on the northwest edge of the Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque in Section 9, Township 9N, Range 4E, Bernalillo County.

Temporary permission to discharge is hereby granted for 120 days, from March 15, 2016, to July 13, 2016, pursuant to Subsection B of 20.6.2.3106 NMAC of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations. This approval is contingent on your discharging and reporting as described in your March 15, 2016, request and upon the following conditions:

1. Operation, monitoring, and contingency conditions specified in Discharge Permit DP-1770, Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuels Facility, issued December 2, 2014, shall apply to the temporary discharge.
2. Conditions submitted to NMED on May 15, 2015, in the *Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB) Bulk Fuels Facility (BFF) Monitoring and Contingency Plan* shall apply to the temporary discharge.



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Should KAFB anticipate that it will be necessary to continue the discharge to the GCMP at the conclusion of this temporary permission, NMED respectfully requests that KAFB finalize and submit its Discharge Permit (DP-1770) modification application in a timely manner so that subsequent discharges are conducted under a permit.

This approval does not relieve you of the responsibility to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, such as zoning requirements and nuisance ordinances. Also, this approval does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of ground or surface waters.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Pullen of the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section at 505-827-2962.

Sincerely,



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