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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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**RE: APPROVAL
THIRD EXTENSION REQUEST - FINAL ST-070E – OIL WATER SEPARATOR, ST-219 (SWMU
ST-70) GROUNDWATER WELL INSTALLATION WORK PLAN
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID # NM9570024423
HWB-KAFB-15-010**

Dear Colonel Miller and Colonel Acosta:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the U.S. Air Force (Permittee) Kirtland Air Force Base (Facility) letter describing a Critical Process Analysis meeting and request for extension for the ST-70 IMWP and the ST-70 Groundwater Well Installation Work Plan, on November 8, 2019. The extension requests were received two days before the Groundwater Well Work Plan was required to be submitted. As stated previously in the approval for the extension request for the WYO-4 Work Plan dated July 11, 2019, all future extension requests must be provided a minimum of ten-days prior to the required submittal date. Also, extension requests for separate documents must be submitted in separate letters.

The Permittee states "the need to perform a Critical Process Analysis (CPA) to evaluate the technical merits regarding installation of a new monitoring well in the vicinity of site ST-070E as requested by NMED." A scoping meeting to install the single well was held on September 19, 2019 and a "detailed on-site CPA evaluation with Air Force staff and a third-party contractor is

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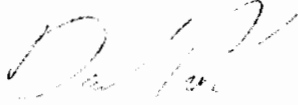


tentatively scheduled for the week of November 18th at Kirtland AFB." The requirement to install a single monitoring well as directed by NMED's letter dated December 18, 2018 is not optional. The Permittee has installed many monitoring wells at Kirtland AFB. A work plan to install a single well that contains a proposed schedule for installation should only require selection of a location and an evaluation of underground utilities and structures to ensure that the location is cleared for drilling. All other activities necessary to install the well should be taken into consideration in the proposed schedule in the work plan rather than requiring evaluation at this point.

NMED hereby grants the Permittee's request for a time extension; the Permittee must submit the Groundwater Well Work Plan and provide a date for installation **by January 6, 2020**.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Naomi Davidson at (505) 222-9504.

Sincerely,



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