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Dear Mr. Pierard

The Air Force is in receipt of the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) extension approval request letter dated 16 January 2020 regarding a work plan to relocate or plug and abandon the Albuquerque Bernalillo Country Water Utility Authority's (ABCWUA) sanitary sewer line located within Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) Landfill-002 (LF-002).

As noted during the 26 March 2020 conference call with NMED and ABCWUA staff and counsel, the Air Force does not own the sanitary sewer line, therefore, it has no legal authority to relocate or plug and abandon it. The Air Force is sympathetic with the ABCWUA's position that it is not feasible to relocate the sewer line based on its current condition and location within the installation. Additionally, data from the FY2019 LF-002 annual long-term monitoring reports does not show any increasing trends that would indicate this portion of ABCWUA's sanitary sewer line is contributing to groundwater contamination in the area.

The Air Force requests that NMED work directly with ABCWUA if additional technical or engineering and design specifications are needed to support the sewer line remaining in place and in operation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scott Clark at (505) 846-9017 or via email at scott.clark@us.af.mil and Mr. Carl Ciccarelli of our Judge Advocate office at carl.ciccarelli@us.af.mil or 505-846-4596.

Sincerely

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