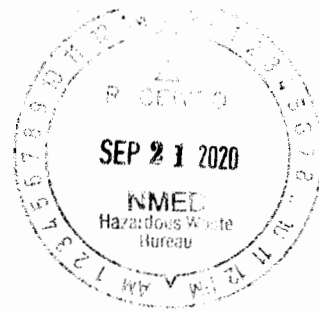




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Dear Mr. Pierard


In a letter dated July 29, 2019, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued a letter of Disapproval on the Closure Report for the Open Detonation Unit on Kirtland Air Force Base. Subsequently, in a letter dated January 16, 2020, NMED established a regulatory due date of September 30, 2020 to submit an amended Closure Report. In order to produce an amended Closure Report that adequately addresses the department's comments, the Air Force had to secure out of cycle funding and obtain a contract vehicle to execute the required work. Due to the out of cycle funding request, the absence of a contracting mechanism and the current operating constraints created by COVID-19 conditions, the Air Force experienced delays in contract award.

The funding and contract vehicle are now in place with contract award expected no later than September 25, 2020. In order to address NMED's comments regarding risk, the scope of work has been developed to follow the regulatory process for risk assessments and will include an ecological risk assessment to fully address concerns related to risk at the site.

The Air Force is respectfully requesting a one-year extension to revise and address NMED's comments to the Closure Report for the Open Detonation Unit. This request would extend the regulatory due date to September 30, 2021, affording the Air Force the required time to draft the revised report, receive comments from NMED, and finalize a Closure Report.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Scott Clark at (505) 846-9017 or via email at scott.clark@us.af.mil or Mr. Darren Knight at (661) 203-7714, or via email at john.knight.15@us.af.mil.

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