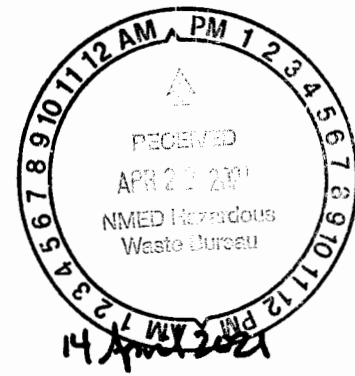




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Dear Secretary Kenney

The Air Force is in receipt of the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) letter, dated 9 November 2020, regarding Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) Landfill-002 (LF-002). This letter reiterated the NMED's position regarding the potential threat to human health and the environment from the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority's (ABCWUA) active sanitary sewer effluent line that crosses Kirtland AFB and runs through the closed landfill LF-002.

The Air Force is currently working with the ABCWUA to determine a course of action for this sewer line. The Air Force does not own the sewer line and has no legal right to remove it. These issues have caused an extended legal review and are being negotiated between the Air Force and the ABCWUA. It is our intent to discuss potential way aheads with you at our meeting on 28 April 2021.

Because of the legal complexities involving a third-party effluent sewer line on Kirtland AFB, the Air Force is requesting an extension until 30 September 2021 on both deadlines NMED set in its 9 November 2020 letter: the 30 April 2021 deadline for submitting a schedule to remove or abandon the sewer line and the 30 June 2021 deadline to request a Class 3 permit modification. The extension of those deadlines will allow time for the Air Force to address the concerns outlined in the NMED's letters.

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If your staff has any questions, please have them contact Mr. Scott Clark at (505) 846-9017 or via email at scott.clark@us.af.mil. For legal questions, NMED counsel may contact Maj John Knox at (318) 456-2442 or via email at john.knox.8@us.af.mil.

Sincerely

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

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Commander

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