



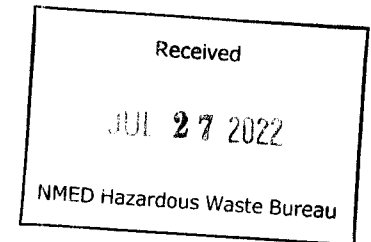
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Dear Mr. Shean

This letter is in response to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) *Request for Information, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, EPA ID # NM9570024423, HWB-KAFB-19-014* dated May 20, 2022. The Air Force has since received an extension request approval letter dated June 28, 2022, from NMED. NMED approved an extension to July 25, 2022, for the Air Force to submit the April 2019 geologic cross sections and an extension to September 19, 2022, for the Air Force to submit the gauging data and field forms.

Regarding the April 2019 geologic cross sections requested in the May 20, 2022 letter, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) consulted with EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. (EA) and informed the Air Force that EA drafted geologic cross sections in April 2019. However, EA did not save the referenced cross sections because EA did not include the cross sections in any report it submitted to USACE or the Air Force. USACE and the Air Force never received EA's April 2019 geologic cross sections. See the attached USACE letter on this subject.

The Air Force included geologic cross sections in the *Source Zone Characterization Report* that it submitted to NMED on October 30, 2019. NMED issued a *Disapproval with Comments* on August 17, 2020, for this report. The Air Force provided the revised cross sections in the *Investigation Report for Data Gap Monitoring Well Installation KAFB-106248 to KAFB-106252 and KAFB-106S10 Bulk Fuels Facility* dated October 2021 (October 2021 Data Gap Report). NMED's May 20, 2022, request for information letter states that the October 2021 Data Gap Report still does not address the department's concerns with respect to the cross sections provided in the report. The Air Force will address any additional information NMED requires regarding the cross sections when the Air Force receives NMED's official comments on the October 2021 Data Gap Report.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Ryan Wortman at commercial line 505-980-6121 or email [ryan.wortman.3@us.af.mil](mailto:ryan.wortman.3@us.af.mil).

Sincerely

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USACE Letter, June 30, 2022

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RE: New Mexico Environment Department's May 20, 2022, Request for Information, Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuels Facility

Mr. Wortman:

On May 24, 2022, you provided an email copy of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Request for Information dated May 20, 2022, regarding the Bulk Fuels Facility environmental site located at Kirtland Air Force Base. In that document, NMED requests, "cross-sections created by EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC (EA) in April 2019." Per the NMED document, you asked if the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) had any knowledge of and/or could produce the referenced April 2019 cross-sections purportedly created by EA. We have searched our files and have no record of these cross-sections, and have determined that if they did exist internally with EA, they were never provided to USACE. As such, USACE has never provided the referenced April 2019 cross-sections to the United States Air Force (AF). Also, we have since asked EA about these cross sections. EA indicated that while they did produce the referenced April 2019 cross sections, the documents were not saved since they were never used in a report submitted to USACE and/or the AF.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 505-342-3238, or the USACE Bulk Fuels Facility Project Manager, James Watts-Gravette, at 757-897-6415.

Thank you,

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