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May 2, 2023

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**RE: APPROVAL  
TIER 1 SCREENING LEVEL ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT (SLERA) OPEN DETONATION  
TREATMENT UNIT, APRIL 2023  
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO  
EPA ID# NM9570024423  
HWB-KAFB-19-004**

Dear Colonel Vattioni and Ms. Clark,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the U.S. Air Force (Permittee) Kirtland Air Force Base (Facility) *Tier 1 Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment (SLERA) Open Detonation Treatment Unit, April 2023* (Report) dated March 23, 2023. NMED has reviewed the Report and hereby issues this Approval.

The Report demonstrates that all hazard indices exceeded the target risk value of 1.0; therefore, NMED concurs with the Permittee's recommendation to proceed with conducting a Tier 2 SLERA to evaluate whether the site can be clean closed. The Permittee must submit the Tier 2 SLERA no later than **October 13, 2023**.

This approval is based on the information presented in the document as it relates to the objectives of the work identified by NMED at the time of review. Approval of this document does not constitute agreement with all information or every statement presented in the document.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Cristina Eads at (505) 490-5808.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Maestas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ricardo Maestas

Acting Chief

Hazardous Waste Bureau

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