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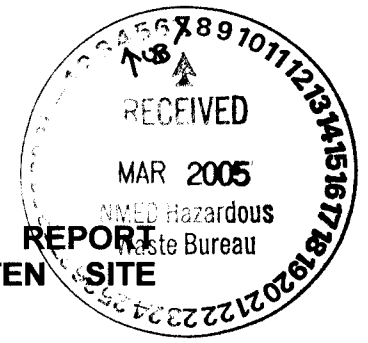

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INVESTIGATION REPORT OUTLINE FOR THE MIDDLE MORTANDAD/TEN SITE AGGREGATE AREA

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Enclosed please find the proposed outline for the Middle Mortandad/Ten Site Aggregate Area Investigation Report. This outline closely follows the outline in Section XI.C of the NMED Consent Order, but has been modified to allow for the multiple Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concerns (AOCs) within the aggregate area to be combined into manageable sections within the report. These sub-areas correspond to the investigation sub-areas identified in the approved Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) and Addendum. In accordance with Section XI.A of the draft Consent order, we request your review and approval so that we can proceed with preparation of the report within the schedule required in the Consent Order.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Coel-Roback at 505-665-5011 or Woody Woodworth at 505-665-5820.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Proposed outline for the Middle Mortandad/Ten Site Aggregate Investigation Report.

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INVESTIGATION REPORT (*Version B—Subarea organization*)

Title Page

Executive Summary

Table of Contents

1.0 Introduction

Describes purpose and type of investigation; general descriptions of the Mortandad Watershed, Middle Mortandad/Ten Site Aggregate; what results are presented.

2.0 Background

Describes location of Middle Mortandad/Ten Site Aggregate, TA-35, other TAs included in aggregate. Briefly describes historical site uses, locations of current and former structures and features, possible sources of contamination, history of releases or discharges, results of previous investigations, labeled figure(s) showing relevant features and investigation locations.

May include descriptions of sampling and/or monitoring activities conducted prior to ER Project if applicable and appropriate.

3.0 Scope of Activities

Briefly describes all activities performed during the investigation; includes chronological summary of sampling campaigns and remedial activities.

Summaries of procedures/methods used for field activities, including drilling methods, sampling methods, field screening methods, health and safety monitoring, geodetic surveying or GPS methods, geomorphic characterization/sample selection methods.

4.0 Regulatory Criteria

(Note – this section moved up one position in the outline because this information applies to all subareas; moving this prior to subarea sections avoids repetition of this information.)

Discusses goal of the investigation in context of risk-based screening levels; includes tables of SSLs, SALs, and ESLs; cites the Risk Screening Assessment Appendix (F).

5.0 Mesa Top Subarea

5.1 Field Investigation Results

5.1.1 Surface Conditions

Briefly describes current surface conditions in the subarea; ground cover, vegetation, industrial development, erosion potential.

5.1.2 Exploratory Drilling or Excavation Investigations

Describes locations, methods, and depths of boreholes and excavations used in investigation. Borehole logs included as Appendix B.

5.1.3 Subsurface Conditions

Description of stratigraphy/lithology of the subarea based on previous studies and borehole logs; description and locations of known man-made subsurface structures.

5.1.4 Groundwater Conditions

Descriptions of groundwater conditions based on previous studies, wells in surrounding areas.

5.1.5 Surface Water Conditions

Description of occurrence of surface water in the subarea – runoff, drainage (natural and man-made drainages), sediment transport.

5.2 Site Contamination

5.2.1 Soil, Rock, and Sediment Sampling

Includes dates, numbers, locations, depth intervals, methods of all sampling within subarea; analyses requested.

5.2.2 Soil, Rock, and Sediment Sample Field Screening Results

Methods, frequency of field screening used, including specific instruments and their limitations. Results – whether and how they affected the investigation.

5.2.3 Soil, Rock, and Sediment Sampling Analytical Results

Summary of analytical results – refer to tables in Appendix D, E. List identified COPCs

5.3 Conclusions

Summarizes results of investigation – comparison to appropriate screening levels; identify potential receptors; refer to results of risk screening assessments in Appendix F.

6.0 Ten Site Slope Subarea

6.1 Field Investigation Results

6.1.1 Surface Conditions
6.1.2 Exploratory Drilling or Excavation Investigations
6.1.3 Subsurface Conditions
6.1.4 Groundwater Conditions
6.1.5 Surface Water Conditions

Summarizes conclusions from all subareas, discusses the relationships among the subareas, and evaluates the significance of the individual (subarea) conclusions for the aggregate as a whole.

13.0 Recommendations

Discusses the need, if any, for further investigation, corrective action, or monitoring; provides schedule for further action if necessary. If no action recommended, include schedule for submittal of petition for permit modification.

14.0 References

15.0 Tables

Regulatory criteria/screening levels
Survey location data
Field screening results
Analytical data – refer to tables in Appendix D, E

16.0 Figures

Vicinity map
Site plan
Borehole and other sampling locations
Sample screening/analytical data – refer to tables in Appendix D
Geologic cross-section

Appendices

A. Field Methods

Detailed method descriptions.

B. Boring Logs

Graphical borehole logs.

C. Analytical Program and Quality Assurance/Quality Control Review

Analytical methods used, explanation of data qualifiers, qualifier tables by request number and sample ID.

1.0 Mesa Top Subarea
2.0 Ten Site Slope Subarea
3.0 Mortandad Slope Subarea
4.0 Pratt Canyon Subarea
5.0 Ten Site Canyon Subarea
6.0 East Ten Site Slope Subarea
7.0 Sigma Mesa Subarea

D. Data Review

Samples taken tables, FD tables, SID tables, analytical results maps.

8.0 **Mesa Top Subarea**
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E. Analytical Suites and Results

Data tables on CD.

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F. Risk Assessment

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