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Ms. Barbara Hoditschek
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Dear Ms. Hoditschek

Attached is a letter from our contractor to the Omaha District Corps of Engineers detailing some problems in the field which have caused delays in the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) at Melrose Air Force Range. Because of these problems, we hereby request a 30-day extension in the due date for the Draft RFI Report to 1 Jun 96.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Sanford Hutsell at (505) 784-4348 or Mr. John Constantine at (505) 784-6378.

Sincerely

W. P. ARD, Colonel, USAF
Commander, 27th Support Group

Attachments:

1. Contractor's Letter
2. EPA Letter

cc:

EPA Region VI (D. Neleigh)
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**FOSTER WHEELER ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION**

March 5, 1996
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Omaha District
Attn.: CEMRO-ED-EC (Mr. Doug Mellema)
215 North 17th Street
Omaha, NE 68102-4978

Subject: Request for Schedule Extension - RFI Melrose Bombing Range, Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, NM - DO #09, WAD #01

Reference: Contract No. DACW45-94-D-0003, Total Environmental Restoration Contract 4, Remediation Services for Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, and other Air Force Installations/Sites located in New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, and California

Dear Doug:

Foster Wheeler Environmental is requesting an extension to the schedule for submittal of the Pre-Draft Phase I RFI Report for the subject delivery order. The reasons for the request are as follows:

1. The field investigations required substantially more drilling and sampling effort than originally anticipated, due to the increased drilling depths required to find groundwater (typically 160 to 180 ft rather than 100 to 120 ft as expected based on information provided in the original Scope of Services). We originally expected to complete drilling and soil sampling on November 12, 1995, and to complete all other field work and demobilize by December 8, 1995. However, as a result of the factors described above, drilling activities were not completed until December 2, and the field base was not demobilized until December 20, 1995.
2. Groundwater recharge to the installed monitoring wells is very slow, substantially extending the time required to develop, purge, and sample the wells, and to receive sample analytical data. Additional field shifts were necessary in January (1/16 through 1/24) and February (2/7 and 2/27) of this year to complete the development and sampling of monitoring wells at SWMU 114 and AOC MA02. We are presently awaiting receipt of preliminary analytical data from these well samples.

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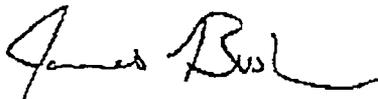
3. We have experienced significant problems with our analytical laboratory subcontractor regarding delays and deficiencies in their analytical data deliverables to us. We are actively pursuing remedies to these issues through our contract with the lab; however, the preparation of the Pre-Draft Report, which requires evaluating and interpreting these data, has been delayed.

An extension of one month (Pre-Draft report delivery to USACE and CAFB on April 26, 1996) will result in a report of better quality requiring fewer revisions in response to reviewer's comments.

Please call me at (303) 980-3644 with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

FOSTER WHEELER ENVIRONMENTAL
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James Bush, R.G.
DO #09, WAD #01 Manager

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Michael J. Koerner, Colonel, USAF
 Vice Commander
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Dear Colonel Koerner:

We hereby approve your RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Workplan for Melrose Air Force Range dated September 11, 1995. The RFI Report is due to the Agency by May 1, 1996. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Richard Mayer of my staff at (214) 665-7442.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten Signature]
 Allyn M. Davis
 Director
 Multimedia Planning and
 Permitting Division

cc: Benito Garcia
 New Mexico Environment Department

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