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Mr. Benito J. Garcia  
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New Mexico Environment Department  
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Dear Mr. Garcia

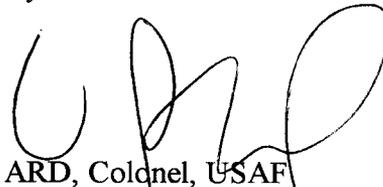
This letter requests an additional time extension to 15 Nov 96 on submission of the draft RCRA Facility Investigation Report on Melrose Air Force Range. As discussed by Mr. John Constantine and Ms. Barbara Hoditschek on 23 May 96, we are very dissatisfied with our contractor's product in the pre-draft stage and the draft will require an extensive rewrite. The problem is aggravated by the fact that additional funding will be required. The amount of time required to obtain funds is very uncertain but the work can not start without it.

In the event funding comes through quickly and the reviews are completed so that we can submit the document before this due date, we will certainly do so. A letter from our contractor requesting an extension is attached which details some of the reasons for this request.

We regret having to ask for an additional extension but believe it will simplify your review process. We appreciate your patience in this effort to get a quality report.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, points of contact are Mr. John Constantine or Mr. Sanford Hutsell at (505) 784-4348.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. P. ARD', written in a cursive style.

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

Attachment:  
Contractor's Letter

cc:  
EPA Region VI (D. Neleigh)  
NMED (R. Kern)  
NMED (B. Hoditschek)  
HQ ACC CES/CEVC w/o Atch (R. Shannon)

**FOSTER WHEELER ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION**

May 22, 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, Draft RFI Report-Melrose Air Force Range,  
Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, NM -DO #9, WAD #1

**Reference:** Contract DACW45-94-0003, TERC4, Remediation Services for Holloman AFB,  
New Mexico and Other Air Force Installation/Sites Located in the States of New  
Mexico, Nevada, Arizona and California

Dear Mr. Mellema:

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

1. The field investigations and groundwater sampling required additional time as described in our letter of March 5, 1996. The additional time was used for drilling to greater depths than anticipated and collecting groundwater samples from wells, that were difficult to develop and purge, due to low recharge rates.
2. We experienced significant problems with our analytical laboratory subcontractor regarding delays and deficiencies in the analytical data deliverables. The delays and data deficiencies resulted in insufficient time for the data to be adequately reviewed, validated and incorporated into the Pro-Draft RFI Report. As a result, the report will require numerous revisions prior to issuance as the Draft RFI Report. Multiple versions of the analytical data were submitted and reviewed by Foster Wheeler Environmental. We found numerous errors, omissions and duplicated data in each version of the data. We received the fourth and final version of the analytical data on April 5 and additional errors were found during review, but the full data package for the project was not available until mid-April.

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Foster Wheeler Environmental will require 4-6 weeks for preparation of the Draft RFI Report following notice to proceed. Please call me at 303-980-3546 with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation



Jed Lowrey, P.E.

cc: C.F. Wall  
J. Bush  
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