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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 21, 2004

Colonel John D. Posner
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SUBJECT: EXTENSION REQUEST
MELROSE AIR FORCE RANGE
EPA ID No.: NM4472124456

Dear Col. Posner:

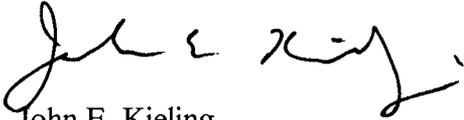
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received your letter of June 15, 2004, requesting a time extension to allow Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) an additional 180 days to submit its permit renewal application for Melrose Air Force Range (MAFR), thus allowing additional time for NMED to complete its review of the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Addendum for MAFR.

NMED agrees that it would be appropriate for us to complete our review of the pending MAFR before CAFB submits its permit renewal application for MAFR. However, pursuant to 20.4.1.500 NMAC, incorporating 40 CFR 270.10(h), NMED cannot allow CAFB to submit its permit renewal application later than the expiration date of the existing permit. Therefore, NMED hereby will allow CAFB to submit its permit reapplication by December 15, 2004, the permit expiration date. In the interim, NMED will remain in contact with your staff to ensure that CAFB is advised at the earliest possible time of any decisions that NMED makes concerning the review of the RFI Addendum and the need for CAFB to submit a permit reapplication.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Glenn von Gonten of my staff at (505) 428-2551.

Sincerely,



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