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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 19, 2007

Colonel Scott D. West
Commander 27th Fighter Wing
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**RE: DEFERMENT FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF THE REVISED
RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN
FOR MELROSE AIR FORCE RANGE
CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID NO. NM5572124456-1**

Dear Colonel West:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the Department of the Air Force's (Melrose) letter dated May, 9, 2007 regarding deferring submittal of Melrose's response to NMED's May 10, 2007 Notice of Disapproval (NOD) and the requested work plan. The map included in the May 9, 2007 letter shows that the entire 68,000 acres is currently being used as an impact area, making the whole facility an active range.

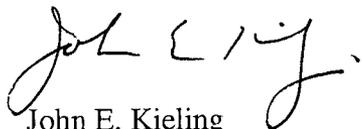
NMED hereby approves the requested deferment of the submittal of a work plan and response to NMED's May 10, 2007 NOD. In lieu of submitting and implementing a work plan for completing investigation and corrective action activities at Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) at Melrose Air Force Range, NMED will prepare a "corrective action-only" permit to be implemented once the range is closed, transferring, or transferred.

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By December 31, 2007, Melrose must submit an application for a corrective action-only permit. The application must include, but is not limited to, a list including descriptions of all SWMUs and AOCs, owner/operator information, inspection/contingency information, emergency response information, and information regarding range security.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Cheryl Frischkorn at 505-428-2550.

Sincerely,



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