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January 18, 2006

Thomas A. Ladd, Director
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White Sands Missile Range, New
Mexico 88002-5000

**SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY CORRECTIVE MEASURES
IMPLEMENTATION REPORT for the
NORTH OSCURA PEAK LANDFILL (SWMUS 47, 48, and 49)
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE
HWB-WSMR-04-007**

Dear Mr. Ladd:

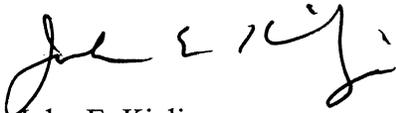
In accordance with 20.4.2.200.A(7) NMAC and 20.1.4 NMAC, NMED has completed a technical review of White Sands Missile Range's (WSMR) *Voluntary Corrective Measures Implementation Report for the North Oscura Peak Landfill*, dated February 2004. Based on the information in this report, it appears that WSMR has completed corrective actions activities at the three former landfill trenches. All waste and contaminated soil were removed and confirmation soil samples from the excavation pits and fill material were collected and analyzed for hazardous constituents. The data supports the conclusion that any residual contamination remaining at the site does not pose a risk to humans or the environment. Therefore, NMED requires no further investigations pertaining to North Oscura Peak Landfill at this time and the SWMUs are eligible for a No Further Action (NFA) determination. WSMR must submit a petition to NMED for a NFA determination and a Class 3 permit modification request to remove SWMUs 47, 48, and 49 from its permit.

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In addition, NMED noted that one of the constituents had a detection limit higher than that of the current applicable standard. NMED understands that this constituent was not associated with the waste placed in the trenches and that this constituent and similar constituents were not detected in the soils; however, WSMR must always use detection limits that are lower than applicable standards or clean up levels.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Cheryl Frischkorn of my staff at (505) 428-2550.

Sincerely,



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