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Mr. Thomas A. Ladd
Director, Environment and Safety
Attn: STEWS-ES
White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico 88002-5048

RE: Timing Station, Building 20710 (Uncle Site), Launch Complex 32, Range 5 East, Township 22 South, Section 11, Quarter Section SE, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico

Facility Numbers (old/new): 31380

Release Number: 2224

Dear Mr. Ladd:

The New Mexico Environment Department (Department) has reviewed the soil investigation at the former underground storage tank location at Building 20710 (Uncle Site) dated November 1998 and prepared by Mevatec Corporation. According to the report, the vertical extent of diesel range petroleum hydrocarbons is less than 30 feet. A U.S.G.S. test and observation well, T-14, is located 1.2 miles from the site. The depth to water well T-14 was 132 feet in 1987. The report recommends excavation of the petroleum-contaminated soil. If the petroleum-contaminated soil will not interfere with property use, you may request this release be moved to "No Further Action Status" without excavating the contaminated soil.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 984-1902. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher Holmes
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enc. Cover page of the Soil Investigation at the Former Underground Storage Tank Location at Building 20710 (Uncle Site)

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