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September 12, 2006

Thomas A. Ladd, Director
Environment and Safety Directorate
U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range
White Sands Missile Range,
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**RE: VOLUNTARY CORRECTIVE ACTION COMPLETION REPORT
FORMER DIESEL AST DENVER SITE (SWMU 166)
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, EPA ID NO. NM2750211235
HWB-WSMR-06-007**

Dear Mr. Ladd:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed White Sands Missile Range's (WSMR) *Voluntary Corrective Action Completion Report, Former Diesel AST Denver Site (SWMU 166)*, dated June 2006. Solid Waste management Unit (SWMU) 166 has not been completely remediated. Soil remaining at the site still contains total petroleum hydrocarbon-diesel range organic (TPH-DRO) concentrations above residential and industrial New Mexico's TPH screening levels. NMED acknowledges that some of the contaminated soil remains in place because its excavation would undermine Range Road 9.

NMED hereby approves this report; however, WSMR must consider the follow comments.

COMMENT 1

Laboratory reporting limits must always be below the applicable clean up standards. For example, Appendix C (Laboratory Analytical Results) provides a reporting limit for benzidine at 250 µg/kg when the NMSSL for benzidine is 21.1 µg/kg. NMED requires that the method detection limits be included in all laboratory reports and that any data quality exceptions, including elevated detection limits, also be listed on the summary data tables.

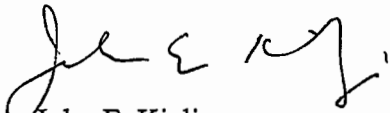
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COMMENT 2

With the residual soil contamination left in place at the site, WSMR will not be able to achieve corrective action complete without controls status for SWMU 166.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call (505) 428-2550.

Sincerely,



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