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November 21, 2006

Thomas A. Ladd, Director
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**RE: FINAL RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION
HELSTF TECHNICAL SUPPORT AREA FUEL SPILL
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE (WSMR)
EPA ID NUMBER NM2750211235
HWB-WSMR-06-005 (HWB-WSMR-06-009 & HWB-WSMR-06-010)**

Dear Mr. Ladd:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) reviewed WSMR's (the Permittee) *FINAL RCRA Facility Investigation HELSTF Technical Support Area Fuel Spill*, dated August 2004. This document review was completed in conjunction with reviews of WSMR's *FINAL Work Plan for the RCRA Facility Investigation at the HELSTF Technical Support Area* (August 2003) and *HELSTF Technical Support Area Petroleum/Oil/Lubricants Station Investigation* (January 2002).

Based on the information presented in the documents, remediation is incomplete and contaminated media still exists at the site at levels above residential and industrial New Mexico Soil Screening Levels (NMSSLs). The soil vapor extraction system pilot test conducted at the site, proved to be effective. WSMR must submit a Corrective Measures Implementation (CMI) Work Plan for NMED approval within 180 days of receipt of this letter, describing additional remediation activities to reduce contaminant concentrations in the subsurface. The CMI Work Plan must include remedial system design specifications, a plan for monitoring the remediation system, and a proposed schedule for implementation of the work plan. NMED recommends that

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the modified version of the soil vapor extraction system be used as a method of remediation since the Permittee has already demonstrated the effectiveness of this approach.

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

Sincerely,



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