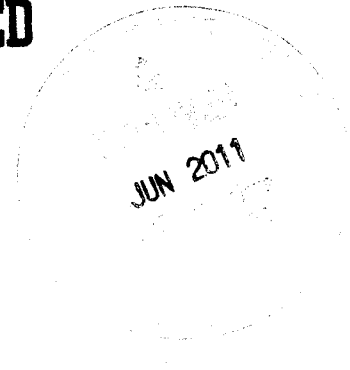




REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY GARRISON WHITE SANDS  
100 Headquarters Avenue  
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NEW MEXICO 88002-5000

June 21, 2011



Directorate of Public Works

Mr. John Kieling, Acting Chief  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303

**SUBJECT: Closure Plan for the Former High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility  
Construction Landfills SWMUs 38 & 39 (CCWS-75)**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Enclosed for review is the report submittal titled: *Closure Plan Former High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility (HELSTF) Construction Landfills SWMUs 38 & 39(CCWS-75) White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, May 2011.*

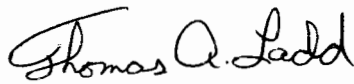
This Closure Plan serves as a work plan for construction of an engineered cap and associated Post-Closure Care activities at the HELSTF construction landfills. The HELSTF construction landfills are included in the August 2010 Phase III RCRA Facility Investigation Report (Second Revision) which is currently under review by your office. Although the RFI report is still under review, the Closure Plan is being submitted pursuant to Table 8-1 of WSMR's December 2009 RCRA Permit requiring a Closure Plan submittal by March 15, 2012.

*"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."*

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Benito Avalos of our Environmental Compliance Branch at (575) 678-2225.

I am forwarding this letter with enclosure (1 print copy w/CD) to Mr. Dave Cobrain, NMED-HWB; and without enclosure to Mr. Chuck Hendrickson, EPA Region VI; Ms. Laurie Rodriguez, ARCADIS-US Inc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas A. Ladd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Thomas A. Ladd  
Director, Public Works

Enclosure