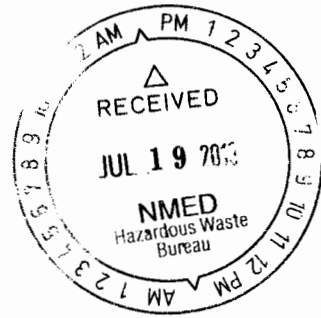




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Mr. John Kieling
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Hazardous Waste Bureau
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Dear Mr. Kieling,

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) respectfully requests a 180 day extension of time in accordance with 40 CFR 265.113(b) to submit the closure report for *SWMU 89, Former Acid Neutralization Unit at the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility*. Per the NMED approved time extension dated November 13, 2018 (HWB-WSMR-14-004) the closure activities were to begin on November 20, 2018 and submittal of the closure report is due on July 18, 2019. WSMR has completed closure activities consisting of soil boring sampling and analysis, groundwater monitoring well gauging and sampling analysis. Based on the closure plan, soil excavation is to be performed, if necessary, in the areas centered over each soil boring that had soil cyanide concentrations in excess of the NMED RSSL. Based on soil analysis concentrations, WSMR has determined excavation will be required as part of the closure activities. Excavation could not be completed within the closure plan time frame due to not being able to acquire a contractor to perform the additional activities.

This time extension request is submitted to comply with the applicable closure requirements as outlined in Section 5 and 8 of the Closure Plan. With NMED's time extension approval WSMR will complete the field activities by November 15, 2019 and submit a closure report by January 14, 2020 which is 60 days from field completion.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Benito Avalos of our Environmental Compliance Branch at (575) 678-2225.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Ms. Kristen Van Horn, NMED-HWB; Mr. Dave Cobrain, NMED-HWB; Mr. Walter Migdal, EA Engineering; and Mr. Robert Rowden, AEC.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Knight
Chief, Environmental Division