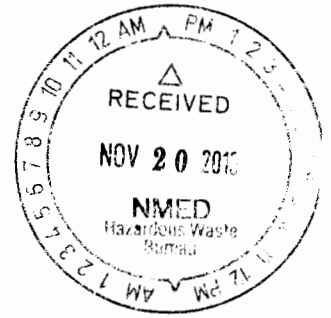




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Mr. John Kieling
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Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
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Dear Mr. Kieling,

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) respectfully requests an additional 120 day extension of time to submit the Closure Report required by the Closure Plan for the SWMUs 92 A/B through 100, Liquid Propellant Evaporation/Neutralization Pits. The NMED previously approved extension requests for submittal of the soil background study by April 1, 2019 and closure report by December 31, 2019. WSMR completed the background study report by the due date and is currently addressing a disapproval dated October 3, 2019 requiring a revised background study report to be submitted by January 3, 2020. Considering that the soil background study needs to be approved before the background data can be incorporated with the closure investigation findings, WSMR requests additional time to account for NMED's time to review and approve the soil background study and for WSMR's development of the closure report thereafter. With NMED's time extension approval, the closure report will be submitted by April 29, 2020.

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. Robert Wasserman ECC; and Mr. Robert Rowden, AEC.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Knight
Chief, Environmental Division