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Environmental Division

Mr. Rick Shean
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303

Dear Mr. Shean,

This letter is to notify the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) was unable to perform annual groundwater monitoring during calendar year 2021 for the sites listed below:

1. HELSTF Landfills, SWMU 38 & 39
2. HELSTF Systemic Diesel Spill Site, SWMU 154
3. HELSTF Storage Yard Chromium Spill Site, SWMU 143
4. HELSTF Technical Support Area, SWMU 197
5. LC-38 Diesel Fuel Oil Release, SWMU 198
6. Former Main Post Landfill #3 at Scrap Yard, SWMU 65
7. Former STP Ditches, SWMU 82
8. Open Burn/Open Detonation Pits at the Hazardous Test Area, SWMU 55, 56 & 56A

The contract under which the annual groundwater monitoring was conducted expired in February 2021. Again, the Army Environmental Command (AEC) was not able to procure or fund a new contract action for WSMR to continue groundwater monitoring activities in 2021. A new limited WSMR wide restoration contract was awarded by the AEC in January 2022 which will allow for groundwater monitoring activities for the above mentioned sites to startup in March 2022.

Although most of the sites were not sampled in 2021, WSMR was able to obtain some funding under a separate contract to meet the post closure care groundwater monitoring requirements at the Rhodes Canyon Landfill, SWMU 114 & 115. Groundwater is sampled once a year as per the closure work plan. A Frequent Monitoring Report will be submitted in March 2022.

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 Mr. Robert Murphy NMED-HWB;
Mr. Dave Cobrain, NMED-HWB; and Mr. Robert Rowden, AEC.

Sincerely,

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