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Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) is requesting an extension of time until 18 Aug 11 to complete installation of all soil vapor and groundwater monitor wells required by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB) and scoped in the two workplans submitted to the Bureau on 31 Mar 11 for the Bulk Fuels Facility Spill, Solid Waste Management Units ST-106 and SS-111; Vadose Zone Investigation Workplan Part I and Groundwater Investigation Workplan Part 1. The original schedule proposed completion of all wells to be installed by 28 Apr 11.

The request for extension is based on four critical delays which have adversely affected the previously proposed schedule and include: 1) finalization of the Rights-of-Entry (ROE) license with the City of Albuquerque (COA); 2) finalization of the Rights-of-Entry (ROE) permit with the US Army Reserve (USAR); 3) finalization of the Rights-of-Entry (ROE) permit with the Gibson Medical Center (GMC) and; 4) completion of the demolition of the above ground storage tanks (AST) at the decommissioned KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility which was necessary to avoid potentially damaging the proposed new wells during the tank demolition process. The inability to obtain the ROEs in a timely manner has prevented access to the various properties to initiate work.

Currently, the ROE with the COA has been completed as of 8 Apr 11. The ROEs with the USAR and GMC have not yet been finalized but are nearing completion, likely by 15 May 11. The demolition of the decommissioned KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility is in progress and also scheduled for completion by 15 May 11.

The proposed extension of time assumes that the outstanding ROEs with the USAR and GMC, and the demolition of the decommissioned KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility, will be completed

within the anticipated times frames previously noted thereby permitting installation of all required soil vapor and groundwater monitor wells by 18 Aug 11.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. John S. Pike, at (505) 846-8546.

Sincerely

  
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