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January 5, 2017

Colonel Douglas W. Gilpin  
Commander, 27th Special Operations  
Mission Support Group  
110 E. Alison Avenue, Suite 1098  
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**RE: RELEASE ASSESSMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
NEWLY DISCOVERED DISPOSAL PIT AT THE HEAVY REPAIR YARD  
CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO  
EPA ID #NM7572124454  
HWB-CAFB-MISC**

Dear Colonel Gilpin:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received Cannon Air Force Base's (Permittee) *Notification of the Discovery of a Solid Waste Disposal Pit* (Notification), dated November 17, 2016 and received November 21, 2016. The Notification indicates that a previously undocumented disposal pit was encountered at the northeastern portion of Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) at the Heavy Repair Yard area near the western boundary of SWMU 77. The disposal pit was discovered during excavation for the placement of an underground electrical distribution line. Visual inspection performed by the Permittee of the disposal pit debris indicated that the solid waste encountered consisted of legacy scrap metal from vehicles and equipment.

The Permittee's notification meets the 15-day requirement documenting the initial discovery of the disposal pit at CAFB's Heavy Repair Yard as required by Facility Permit Section 2.2.1, Notification of Newly Discovered Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern.

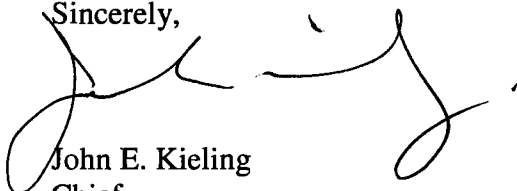
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Based on the Permittee-provided preliminary information, NMED has determined that further investigation is warranted. The encountered debris and any potential contamination associated with the newly discovered solid waste disposal pit must be fully characterized and delineated. The Permittee must submit a RCRA Facility Investigation Work Plan in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.5.1 and Attachment 3, Section 3.2.2 of the Facility Permit.

The work plan must be submitted to NMED no later than **July 31, 2018**, and must be provided as two paper and electronic copies in accordance with Permit Section 2.9.4.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Gabriel Acevedo at (505) 476-6043.

Sincerely,



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