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June 8, 2008

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**RE: TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM  
REGIONAL AQUIFER MONITORING WELLS INSTALLATION  
DOÑA ANA RANGE CAMP AND MEYER RANGE CAMP  
WASTE WATER LAGOONS  
FORT BLISS, EPA ID NO. NM4213720101  
HWB-FB-08-002**

Dear Mr. Landreth:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) reviewed the Department of the Army's (Permittee) *Technical Memorandum, Regional Aquifer Monitoring Well Installation Doña Ana Range Camp and Meyer Range Camp Wastewater Lagoons, SWMUs 27B and 76*, dated March 2008. Based on the information provided by the Permittee, the NMED has the following comments regarding the document.

- The Permittee states that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry was reassigned from the Ft. Bliss in 1996, resulting in an approximate 80% decrease in wastewater flow to the Meyer Range Wastewater Lagoon. NMED understands that changes in the number and location of troops stationed at Ft. Bliss may take place in the future. According to Section 1.3.3 of the *Final Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Fort Bliss, Texas and New Mexico, Mission and Master Plan (March 2007)*, personnel at Ft. Bliss will increase by more than 22,000 between 2006 and 2010. The Permittee must inform the NMED of any changes that may alter the amount and composition of influent entering

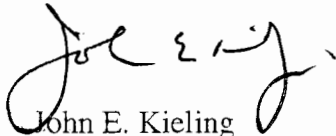
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Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) 27B and 76.

- The Permittee states that the monitoring well drilled at the Meyer Range Wastewater Lagoon has not produced sufficient water for well development and ground water sample collection and analysis. Section IV.G.3 of the January 2006 Settlement Agreement states that one ground water sample will be extracted from the regional aquifer beneath SWMU 27B and SWMU 76, sometime in 2007. It also states that an additional ground water sample will be collected from the regional aquifer beneath SWMUs 27B and 76 once every five years thereafter as required depending on the status of the units. The Permittee must propose how they plan to comply with this requirement of the 2006 Settlement Agreement with regard to the Meyer Range Camp Wastewater Lagoon.

The Permittee must respond to this letter no later than September 19, 2008. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Cheryl Frischkorn at (505) 476-6058.

Sincerely,



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