



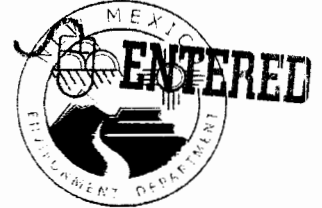
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June 4, 2010

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Attention of: IMWE-BLS-PWE
Department of the Army
Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison Command
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**RE: FEBRUARY 2010 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL
WASTEWATER SAMPLING RESULTS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2009,
SEMI-ANNUAL WASTEWATER COMPLIANCE SAMPLING FOR MEYER
AND SEMI-ANNUAL WASTEWATER COMPLIANCE SAMPLING FOR
MEYER AND DOÑA ANA – NEW MEXICO RANGE OUTFALLS
EPA ID #NM4213720101
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Dear Ms. Waggoner:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received Fort Bliss's response to the referenced Notice of Disapproval. The last portion of the response requested advice concerning NMED's preferred format for future reports.

The monitoring and associated reports are provided to NMED as required in the January 2006 Settlement Agreement (2006 SA) between the NMED, the United States Army, Air Defense, Artillery Center and Fort Bliss.

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As submitted in the past, the reports seem to have been prepared to meet both the requirements of Section IV. G.1-4 of the 2006 SA and certain reporting requirements and discharge limits established by the El Paso, Texas Water Utilities Public Service Board under El Paso Rule #9 (Rule #9) which regulates wastewater discharges into the El Paso municipal wastewater system.

Section IV. G.4 of the 2006 SA required submittal of a plan for wastewater effluent, well installation and groundwater sampling. The approved *Work Plan, [Solid Waste Management Unit] SWMU 27B (Doña Ana Oxidation Lagoon) and SWMU 76 (Meyer Oxidation Lagoon), Ft. Bliss, New Mexico* (May 1, 2007) defines the current NMED sampling and reporting requirements.

NMED suggests Fort Bliss consider reducing the total number of tables provided in the reports so that all volatile and semi-volatile organic compound (VOC and SVOC) data, metals data and miscellaneous field and laboratory parameter data are presented in three or four separate tables.

In the report for the 2009 fall sampling event for example, metals data are presented in three different tables. VOC data is also presented in three different tables. Some of the tables included regulatory limits while other tables did not. Combining tables into various analyte groups based on the associated analytical method(s) would allow presenting regulatory limits in a separate row or table column as applicable to the particular analyte group or individual parameter(s). The distinctions concerning why certain data are collected (i.e., Rule #9 or 2006 SA driven) are much less important to NMED than presenting the data in a clear fashion.

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

Sincerely,



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