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January 5, 2011

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**RE: CONCURRENCE
RESPONSE TO APPROVAL WITH DIRECTION, SWMU-19
FORT BLISS, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID #NM4213720101
HWB-FB-09-005**

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the Department of Army's (Permittee) response to NMED's Approval With Direction for the *Revised Supplemental RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Report, Solid Waste Management Unit #19 (SWMU-19), McGregor Range Camp Oxidation Lagoon* (Response) dated November 19, 2010.

In NMED's Approval With Direction, NMED expressed concern for the deteriorated condition of the liner above the existing level of wastewater in the primary oxidation lagoon (SWMU-19). NMED also noted that a second oxidation lagoon had been built to contain overflow from the primary lagoon. NMED directed the Permittee to lower the wastewater level in the primary lagoon below the existing level.

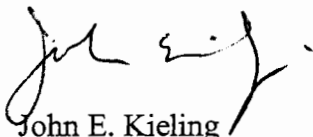
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According to the Permittee's Response, lowering the wastewater in primary oxidation lagoon would adversely impact the ability of the second lagoon to function properly. Further, the Permittee described the pending construction of a third, larger lagoon directly east of the existing lagoons that would allow maintenance and possible replacement of the liner in the existing primary lagoon. As a result of the Permittee's Response, NMED withdraws its direction to lower the wastewater level in the primary oxidation lagoon.

Subsequent to receipt of the Permittee's Response, NMED received the Permittee's PN65941 Camp McGregor Range Operational Readiness Training Complex Design Package 108 Volume Three (Design), dated November 30, 2010. The Design described construction of the third, larger lagoon. The Permittee stated that the construction project is scheduled to be awarded in February 2011 with an estimated completion date of August 2012. The Permittee must provide to NMED the project completion schedule within 90 days of awarding the project to the selected contractor.

Please contact Pat Stewart at (505) 476-6059, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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