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March 18, 2016

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**RE: APPROVAL
REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT MISSILE STAND AREA (XU853)
MUNITIONS RESPONSE SITE, HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW
MEXICO, NOVEMBER 2015
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-15-018**

Dear Ms. Rothhaupt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the document: *Remedial Investigation Report Missile Stand Area (XU-853) Munitions Response Site, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, November 2015*, which was received on November 13, 2015. The Remedial Investigation Report is hereby approved.

The Munitions Response Site (MRS) was not historically used as a range (no target area). The MRS was primarily used as a launch area for an array of missile testing programs. Solid wastes have not been routinely and/or systematically released at the MRS. No free liquids were observed. An investigation using Digital Geophysical Methods, including transects and grids identified 659 anomalies. All 659 of the anomalies were investigated and 128 soil samples were collected, combined into six incremental soil samples, and analyzed for Perchlorate, explosives, Nitrate and Nitrocellulose. No Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) were detected and all Munitions Constituents (MC) detected were below soil screening levels. Thus, results indicate that the site does not present an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment for MEC and MC. NMED has determined that this site is not a solid waste management unit (SWMU) or Area of Concern (AOC), and that it is not necessary to add it to the list of

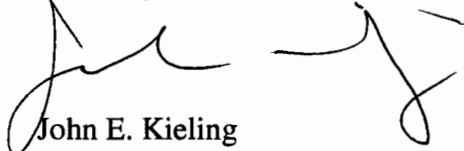
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SWMUs/AOCs in the Holloman Air Force Base RCRA Operating Permit that identifies SWMUs/AOCs requiring Correction Action (i.e., Table A of Permit Part 4, Appendix 4-A).

MRS XU853a, a 20.3 acre area partially within the original MRS XU853, has been withdrawn from XU853 for use as a range. Therefore, this approval does not apply to XU853a and NMED will add XU853a to the Facility RCRA Permit as an AOC with the status of *active/inactive range - deferred*. Further investigation work will need to be performed at XU853a upon its closure.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Brian Salem of my staff at (505) 222-9576.

Sincerely,



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