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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

January 6, 2017

Mr. Adam Kusmak  
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**RE: TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF CATEGORY 2 SEPTIC SITES, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015  
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID # NM6572124422  
HWB-HAFB-14-003**

Dear Mr. Kusmak:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) reviewed and approved the above referenced document (the Report), dated September 16, 2015, on March 9, 2016. The Report was submitted in response to NMED's October 21, 2015 letter approving the Amended Voluntary Corrective Measures Work Plan for Group 1 Septic System Sites (the VCM WP) dated August 2015. NMED's letter advised that the VCM WP did not address sixteen of the inactive and removed Category 2 Septic Sites and requested a written explanation as to why these systems were not included. In response, the Permittee submitted the subject Report which provides the results of investigative activities at the remaining Category 2 septic sites. The evaluation recommended additional investigation of eight sites and no further action for seven sites. The final site, Building 1284, is considered active and does not require further investigation at this time.

In the approval letter dated March 9, 2016, the NMED agreed with all of the recommendations of the Report and required that the Permittee submit an amended VCM WP that includes the eight sites recommended for further investigation. The eight sites requiring further investigation include the following:

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**Building 702** – Recommended for further investigation as a Category 1 site and system removal, as it previously accepted effluent from the Refueler Maintenance area.

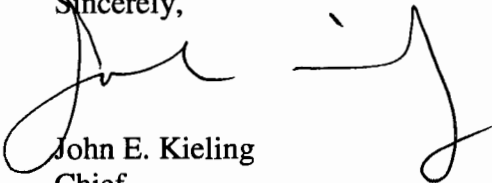
**Building 1155** - Recommended for further investigation (Category 1) because the location and status of the septic tank and leachfield could not be determined.

**Buildings 1173, 1174, 1178, 1179, 1180 and 1183** - Recommended grouping these removed systems together for further investigation (Category 1). These six buildings had a combined septic system that received human and industrial waste (welding, machine and corrosion control shops).

The amended VCM WP was to be submitted by no later than June 6, 2016. This amended work plan has not been submitted to date. The Permittee must submit the work plan no later than **February 3, 2017**.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. David Strasser of my staff at (505) 222-9526.

Sincerely,



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