



Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

Howie C. Morales
Lt. Governor

**NEW MEXICO
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

Hazardous Waste Bureau

2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6313
Phone (505) 476-6000 Fax (505) 476-6030
www.env.nm.gov



James C. Kenney
Cabinet Secretary

Jennifer J. Pruett
Deputy Secretary

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 13, 2019

Mr. Adam Kusmak
Chief, Installation Management Flight
49th CES/CEI
550 Tabosa Avenue
Holloman AFB, NM 88330

**RE: APPROVAL
RESPONSE LETTER TO NMED DISAPPROVAL LETTER, FINAL SS018 (AOC-H) – VOC SPILL
SITE INTERIM MEASURES REPORT, APRIL 2019
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM6572124422
HWB-HAFB-19-010**

Dear Mr. Kusmak:

On September 12, 2019 the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the Holloman Air Force Base (Permittee) September 3, 2019 response to NMED's July 11, 2019 Disapproval letter for the above referenced Interim Measures Report (Report). The response and, subsequently, the revised Report, dated September 2019, are hereby approved.

The revised Report recommended administrative controls that will require the following:

1. There shall be no future residential occupation within the boundaries of the Site until volatile organic compound concentrations in groundwater are demonstrated to be protective of a resident exposed to indoor air via vapor intrusion from groundwater; and,
2. There shall be no future development of groundwater as a potable resource at the Site until all chemical concentrations in groundwater are demonstrated to meet the lower of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Safe Drinking Water Act Maximum Contaminant Levels and the

New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Cleanup Levels and be protective of a resident exposed to groundwater via all pathways associated with potable use of groundwater.

AOC-H shall enter into a long-term monitoring program beginning in 2020 to evaluate the groundwater contamination and risk under current uses over time. Continued groundwater monitoring shall be conducted as described in the March 2015 Groundwater Monitoring Plan approved by NMED on May 29, 2015. This will include quarterly monitoring with annual reporting for a minimum of two years after which time site conditions will be reassessed for future activities.

The Permittee may request a Class 3 permit modification for Corrective Action Complete with Controls for AOC-H in accordance with 40 CFR §270.42(c). The Class 3 modification process includes requirements for public notice and for providing opportunity for public comment that are mandatory. NMED's preliminary determination that corrective action is complete is subject to NMED's reservation of rights related to new information or unknown conditions. As part of this process, new information may become available prior to or during the public comment period that a given site is not protective of human health or the environment. NMED reserves all rights to withdraw its preliminary decision that corrective action is complete, if new information indicates that further corrective action is needed to protect human health or the environment.

This approval is based on the information presented in the document as it relates to the objectives of the work identified by NMED at the time of review. Approval of this document does not constitute agreement with all information, or every statement presented in the document.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Cobrain".

Dave Cobrain
Program Manager
Hazardous Waste Bureau

Mr. Adam Kusmak
November 13, 2019
Page 3

cc: C. Amindyas, NMED HWB
D. Strasser, NMED HWB
C. Schick, HAFB
C. Hendrickson, EPA, Region 6 (6LCRRC)
L. King, EPA, Region 6 (6LCRRC)

File: HAFB 2019 and Reading