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**RE: REPORTING, SAMPLING, AND ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS ST-106 AND SS-111
BULK FUELS FACILITY SPILL
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM9570024423
HWB-KAFB-10-004**

Dear Colonel Maness and Mr. Pike:

This letter sets forth reporting, sampling, and analysis requirements related to the characterization and remediation of contaminated groundwater at the U. S. Air Force Kirtland Air Force Base ("Permittee") Solid Waste Management Units ST-106 and SS-111, collectively known as the Bulk Fuels Facility Spill. In the past, the Permittee has submitted semiannual reports concerning the Bulk Fuels Facility Spill to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Groundwater Quality Bureau. However, due to the severity and urgency of this matter, NMED directs that reporting occur on a more frequent basis. This letter describes how the Permittee must submit reports to the NMED from this time forward. In addition, this letter also sets forth general sampling and analysis requirements to ensure that groundwater and soil-gas data are of high quality and representative of the conditions present in the field.

Reporting Requirements

All characterization and remediation activities and data concerning the Bulk Fuels Facility Spill that have been completed or acquired during the last semiannual reporting period (October 2009 through March 31, 2010) are to be reported to the NMED no later



than June 30, 2010.

After June 30, 2010, quarterly reports must be submitted by the Permittee to the NMED for its review and approval. Quarterly reporting shall continue until such time that corrective action is deemed complete for the Bulk Fuels Facility Spill by the NMED, or until NMED approves in writing a different schedule.

Quarterly periods for each year and the due dates for corresponding quarterly reports are summarized in the following table.

Quarter	Period	Due Date of Quarterly Report
1	January 1 through March 31	May 30
2	April 1 through June 30	August 29
3	July 1 through September 30	November 29
4	October 1 through December 31	February 28 of the following year

Each quarterly report shall provide detailed information on all characterization and remediation activities that took place during the period covered by the report, including, but not limited to, as applicable for the reporting period, field and laboratory analytical results for groundwater, soil, and soil gas; graphs showing trends of major contaminants versus time, a table of surveyed well locations; descriptions of the installation of groundwater and soil-gas monitoring wells; measurements of light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL); table of water levels; water-level map; plume contaminant maps and cross-sections; and geologic and geophysical logs of wells and boreholes. Each quarterly report shall also describe the operation, maintenance, and performance of the four soil-vapor extraction (SVE) systems. Each quarterly report shall also include all field and laboratory quality control data for the reporting period and a discussion of data quality as it relates to accuracy, precision, representativeness, and completeness for each analytical parameter that is to be reported.

In addition to the above reporting requirements, the NMED may require submission of data at any time. The Permittee will be notified in writing of any such required submissions and their associated submission due dates.

Also, pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 270.11(d)(1)), all quarterly reports shall include a certification, signed by a chief or senior executive officer of the Facility, stating:

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel

properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

General Sampling and Analysis Requirements

Groundwater and soil-gas monitoring shall be conducted on a quarterly basis with all groundwater and soil-gas monitoring wells sampled each quarter. Sample collection and analysis must be conducted in manner that yields results of high quality and are representative of the conditions of their respective media in the field. Field quality control samples, including duplicates, field blanks, equipment rinsate blanks, and trip blanks shall be collected or prepared as appropriate and analyzed for quality control purposes. Chain-of-custody and proper shipping and handling procedures shall be followed to ensure the integrity of samples.

At a minimum, groundwater shall be sampled and analyzed in a laboratory for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), lead, major ions (calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium, sulfate, carbonate, bicarbonate, chloride), nitrate, ammonia, sulfide, dissolved iron, and dissolved manganese. Except for sample fractions taken for dissolved iron and manganese, groundwater samples shall not be filtered. Groundwater shall also be sampled and analyzed in the field for temperature, pH, specific conductance, alkalinity, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, and Eh.

Groundwater samples shall be obtained from a well only after temperature, pH, and specific conductance measurements have stabilized within $\pm 10\%$ for three consecutive measurements and after purging at least one well-bore volume of stagnant water. A well-bore volume is herein defined as the volume of water in the saturated filter pack plus the volume of all standing water within the well screen and casing, including the sump. Field measurements taken during purging, including purge volumes and the date and time of each measurement, and the type and serial number of each field instrument used shall be recorded in a log book. The thickness of LNAPL shall be measured and recorded for every well location where LNAPL is present.

The detection limit for each groundwater constituent shall not exceed 50% of the constituent's U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's Maximum Concentration Level or its New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission standard (20.6.2.3103 NMAC), whichever is more stringent. For naturally occurring groundwater constituents, the detection limit for a given constituent shall also not exceed the constituent's background concentration as approved by the NMED for the KAFB area.

Soil-gas samples shall be collected from all monitoring intervals (all depths) for each soil-gas monitoring well. At a minimum, soil gas shall be sampled and analyzed in a laboratory for VOCs. The Permittee shall continually monitor the concentrations of soil vapor with an appropriate field instrument (e.g., photoionization detector of appropriate lamp energy) while purging. The Permittee shall collect soil-gas samples only after field instrument readings have stabilized within $\pm 10\%$ for three consecutive measurements and after the sampling tubing and the soil-gas monitoring well have been purged to remove all stagnant vapor. Soil-gas measurements taken in the field during purging, the date and time of each measurement, and the type and serial number of field instrument used shall be recorded in a log book.

The reporting and sampling and analysis requirements set forth in this letter are in effect, until and unless superseded by subsequent direction in an approved work plan or implementation plan.

If you have any questions concerning the technical matters in this letter, you may contact William McDonald or Sid Brandwein of my staff at (505) 222-9582 and (505) 222-9504, respectively. If you have other questions, you may contact me directly at 505-476-6000.

Sincerely,



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