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CERTIFIED MAIL- RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 27, 2011

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**RE: EXTENSION REQUEST OF MAY 10, 2011, SOIL-VAPOR AND
GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS INSTALLATIONS FOR BULK
FUELS FACILITY SPILL
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM9570024423
HWB-KAFB-10-016 AND KAFB-10-019**

Dear Col. Maness and Mr. Pike:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the U. S. Air Force's (Permittee's) time-extension request of May 10, 2011, regarding the due dates for the installation of groundwater and soil-vapor monitoring wells for the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) Bulk Fuels Facility Spill project. The dates to complete the installation of the groundwater and soil-vapor monitoring wells were set forth as April 28, 2011, and February 11, 2011, respectively, by the NMED's letter of December 10, 2010. Pursuant to Part 1.38 of the Permittee's Hazardous Waste Operating Permit (Permit), upon the NMED's written approval, all submittals and associated schedules shall become enforceable under the Permit in accordance with the terms of the NMED's written approval. Furthermore, Part 1.38 provides that the Department may grant extensions of written requests for due dates for submittals of reports and other deliverables, provided that the Permittee includes a written justification showing good cause and a proposed schedule for submittal.

The Permittee requests an extension of the due dates for completion of the soil-vapor and groundwater monitoring wells described in the Groundwater and Vadose Zone Investigation



Work Plans. The Permittee cites the following as the basis for the time extension request.

1. Finalization of the Rights-of-Entry (ROE) licenses with the City of Albuquerque, U. S. Army Reserve, and the Gibson Medical Center; and
2. Completion of the demolition of the above ground storage tanks at the decommissioned KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility, which was necessary to avoid potentially damaging the proposed new wells during the tank demolition process.

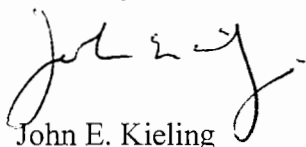
The Permittee also proposes the new due date of August 18, 2011, to complete the well installations.

NMED notes that this extension request was not made timely. In accordance with Permit Part 1.38, failure to submit any of the work plans, schedules, reports, and other deliverable documents that the Permittee is required to prepare under the Permit in substantial compliance with the Permit, *and according to the schedules or deadlines* in the Permit, may subject the Permittee to enforcement action under § 74-4-10 of the Hazardous Waste Act, or other applicable provisions of law, which may include fines, civil penalties, or suspension or revocation of the Permit. NMED expects the Permittee to make requests for extension dates prior to the passing of the deadlines that the requests concern.

The reasons cited for a time extension represent good cause, thus, NMED approves the request for the time extension granting a due date of August 18, 2011, to complete the well installations.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact William McDonald at (505) 222-9582.

Sincerely,



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