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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 26, 2013

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**RE: APPROVAL
FORMER FUEL OFFLOADING RACK STEP-OUT CONFLICTS, ADDENDUM
TO INTERIM MEASURES WORK PLAN, BULK FUELS FACILITY SPILL,
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS ST-106 AND SS-111
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE
EPA ID# NM9570024423, HWB-KAFB-13-010**

Dear Colonel Miller and Mr. Pike:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the U.S. Air Force's (Permittee) letter of July 9, 2013, responding to the June 10, 2013, Disapproval issued for the plan: *Former Fuel Offloading Rack Step-Out Conflicts, Addendum to Interim Measures Work Plan, Bulk Fuels Facility Spill*, dated April 2013 (hereafter referred to as the Addendum). The Addendum modifies a previous revision of the plan, dated March 2012, previously approved by the NMED on June 29, 2012.

The June Disapproval was issued to elicit an explanation concerning the decision to eliminate the collection and analysis of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) as part of the remaining step-out sampling. The Permittee's letter of July 9, 2010, appears to justify the decision. The supporting VOC data were not provided in the response; however NMED understands that VOC data were included in a June 28, 2013 report that is in review. In the interest of moving this project forward, NMED approves the Addendum as revised in April 2013. Based on the results of the step-out sampling, NMED may require the Permittee to conduct additional sampling and analysis, including for VOCs, to further characterize the site, as necessary.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Kieling of my staff at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely,



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