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**RE: KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, SUSPENSION OF SAMPLING AT GROUNDWATER
MONITORING WELLS KAFB-10626 AND KAFB-106230
BULK FUELS FACILITY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT ST-106/SS-111
EPA ID#NM9570024423, HWB-KAFB-13-MISC**

Dear Colonel Froehlich and Mr. Pike:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB) (Permittee) letter dated July 27, 2016. The referenced letter serves as notification to NMED of the cessation of quarterly monitoring activities at two groundwater monitoring well locations, KAFB-10626 and KAFB-106230, due to an unacceptable threat level and/or risk classification posed by a resident. The home of the resident referenced in the letter is adjacent to the right-of-way where the two groundwater monitoring wells are located: one on the northeast corner of Florida Street and Anderson Street (KAFB-10626) and one on the northwest corner of Anderson Street and Georgia Street (KAFB-106230). As documented by the Permittee in their letter, there have been numerous interactions, each escalating up to the April 7, 2016 incident referenced in the letter.

The NMED is in agreement that sampling the groundwater monitoring wells, KAFB-10626 and KAFB-106230, in the vicinity of the residence referenced in the letter poses an unacceptable threat level. NMED is in agreement with the cessation of sampling at these two locations.

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The Permittee shall submit a work plan to the NMED for the abandonment of the two groundwater monitoring wells, prior to the start of field work. NMED preserves the right to require replacement and/or alternative monitoring locations should they be deemed necessary in the future.

Sincerely,



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