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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 19, 2012

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**RE: PHASE II REMEDIATION INTERIM MEASURES PLAN, SOIL-VAPOR
EXTRACTION TREATMENT SYSTEM DESIGN; BULK
FUELS FACILITY SPILL, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS ST -106
AND SS-111, DECEMBER, 2012
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM9570024423
HWB-KAFB-12-024**

Dear Col. Kubinec and Mr. Pike:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the U.S. Air Force's (Permittee) Kirtland Air Force Base plan titled *Phase II Remediation Interim Measures Plan Soil-Vapor Extraction Treatment System Design, Bulk Fuels Facility Spill, Solid Waste Management Units ST-106 and SS-111*, dated December 2012.

On December 17, 2012, NMED received by electronic mail (e-mail) from your contractor, Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure Group, information concerning a tank to be used to accumulate condensate water that will be generated by the soil-vapor extraction (SVE) treatment system. As part of this e-mail, state in part, "Shaw would like to make any required revisions to the Plan at the same time and will therefore wait to receive any additional comments from the NMED prior to submitting a revised copy." NMED agrees that the Permittee can submit a revised plan that will include additional NMED comments once received.

However, NMED authorizes the Permittee to immediately begin operation of the SVE treatment system on schedule (by December 28, 2012) and to conduct a shakedown effort to discover and

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fix any problems with the treatment system and to optimize the system for treatment efficiency and effectiveness to remediate the vapor plume.

NMED will complete its review of the plan as soon as possible and send comments to the Permittee at that time. NMED will also be in contact with the Permittee regarding the shakedown activities and may convey additional comments during or after those activities.

Sincerely,



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