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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

July 26, 2013

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**RE: APPROVAL AND REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION  
JUNE 21, 2013, LETTER REGARDING SAMPLING OF GAS BUBBLES IN  
GROUNDWATER, BULK FUELS FACILITY SPILL, SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT UNITS ST-106 AND SS-111  
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE  
EPA ID# NM9570024423, HWB-KAFB-13-MISC**

Dear Colonel Miller and Mr. Pike:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the U.S. Air Force's (Permittee) letter of June 21, 2013, which states that it is a response to NMED's letter of January 17, 2013, concerning the plan to sample gas bubbles present in groundwater at and near the Bulk Fuels Facility Spill, Solid Waste Management Units ST-106 and SS-111, Kirtland Air Force Base.

The subject letter did not refer to NMED's latest letter dated May 23, 2013, on this topic. However, the revised plan discussed within the June 2013 letter adequately addresses the concerns raised in NMED's May 2013 letter. Therefore, NMED hereby approves the revised plan (and schedule) included within your June 21, 2013, submittal.

NMED notes that one of the items discussed in NMED's May 23, 2013 letter concerned groundwater monitoring well KAFB-106206, which was listed as an intermediate-depth well in

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the earlier version of the plan. In the current submittal, KAFB-106206 is still listed as an intermediate-depth well. NMED understands that the well was completed as a deep well. To maintain the accuracy of NMED's administrative record, provide replacement page(s) for the plan, as necessary, with the corrected depth listing for well 106206 by August 26, 2013.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Will Moats of my staff at (505) 222-9551.

Sincerely,



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