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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 14, 2016

Mr. Brian D. Knight
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U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range
White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002-5000

**SUBJECT: CLOSURE PLAN
FORMER SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT PERCOLATION DITCHES,
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT 82,
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, EPA ID #NM 2750211235
HWB-WSMR-11-016**

Dear Mr. Knight:

Enclosed is the Closure Plan for the U. S. Department of Army White Sands Missile Range (Permittee) Solid Waste Management Unit 82 known as the Former Sewage Treatment Plant Percolation Ditches. The unit is a hazardous waste management unit listed on Table 4-4 of Appendix 4 (SWMU, AOC, and Hazardous Waste Management Unit Tables) of the White Sands Missile Range RCRA Permit and is being closed under Interim Status in accordance with 20.4.1.600 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR 265 subpart G).

A draft Closure Plan was issued for public comment by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on May 26, 2016 in accordance with 20.4.1.600 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR 265.112(d)(4)). The 30-day comment period ended on June 25, 2016. NMED did not receive comments on the draft Closure Plan. However, based on subsequent discussions with the Permittee, the Closure Plan for Solid Waste Management Unit 82 (Former Sewage Treatment Plant Percolation Ditches) was modified to accommodate the scheduling of field activities. The requirement in Section 5.a (Installation of Additional Groundwater Monitoring Wells) to install a set of nested monitoring wells, approximately 1,200 feet north-northeast of the MPL-10/MPL-24 cluster at a depth similar to MPL-10 and MPL-24, to further evaluate cyanide concentrations to

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the north and west of MPL-10 nested wells was modified in the Closure Plan to allow for the well installations to be addressed in the Post-Closure Care Plan. The revision to the Closure Plan was made in Section 5 (Closure Procedures) on page 9. The Closure Plan is effective as of the date of this letter.

Please call Kristen Van Horn at (505) 476-6046, if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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