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RE: Extension Request for O&M Plan, Revised Final Basis of Design for Pump & Treat System

Dear Mr. Kieling

This letter is in response to the June 30, 2015 New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Groundwater Quality Bureau's approval with conditions of the Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB) Bulk Fuel Facility Revised Final Basis of Design, Mid-Plume Pump and Treat System.

As part of the approval with conditions for the Revised Final Basis of Design, Kirtland AFB requested and was granted permission to submit the Draft O&M Plan by September 30th. This was noted in Kirtland AFB responses to Condition 4 and Condition 5 in NMED's approval letter. This date was expected to provide time for the discharge options for treated groundwater to be selected as well as for completion of design documents for the discharge system. Due to the unfavorable results of percolation testing at locations near the base Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course, a temporary plan for discharge of the treated water has only recently been determined. Kirtland AFB is submitting a request for temporary permission to evaluate use of existing well KAFB 7 as a pilot injection well for roughly 4-5 winter months while final long term discharge options are evaluated. Kirtland AFB is also submitting a request to extend the temporary permission to discharge treated groundwater to the irrigation source Golf Course Main Pond for the KAFB Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course to ensure that adequate waste disposition options are available this winter.

Because of this data-driven change in water disposition options, Kirtland AFB is requesting that the date for submittal of the draft O&M Plan be extended until December 1, 2015. This will allow time for permitting, completion of the design of the temporary pilot injection system and incorporation of this information into the O&M Plan. Kirtland AFB will submit a revised O&M plan following at least 1 month of operation of the full-scale treatment system, so that the plan can be updated based on experience with system operation.

Please contact Mr. L. Wayne Bitner at 505.853.3484 or at ludie.bitner@us.af.mil or Ms. Victoria R. Branson at 505.846.6362 or at victoria.branson@us.af.mil if you have any questions.

Sincerely


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