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VIA ELECTRONIC AND CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 19, 2020

Richard Beaudoin
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Re: Submittal Required - D&D Mountain Air Cleaners, Espanola, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Beaudoin and Ms. Quintana:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) hereby requires a submittal from D&D Mountain Air Cleaners (Mountain Air) for the site referenced above (Site). The physical address for the Site is 309 South Paseo de Oñate, Española, New Mexico, 87532.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) listed the North Railroad Avenue Plume (NRAP) Superfund site on the EPA National Priorities List (NPL) (#NMD986670156) in January 1999, in response to a release of tetrachloroethene (PCE) from the former Norge Town Dry Cleaners and Laundromat facility, located at 113 North Railroad Avenue, and subsequent contamination of the Bond and Jemez municipal water supply wells.

EPA and NMED Superfund Oversight Section (SOS) conducted additional investigations from 2017 to 2019 to the east of the NRAP shallow aquifer groundwater plume due to chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) concentrations increasing in the eastern most groundwater monitoring wells following remedial activities. Soil gas surveys and shallow aquifer monitoring well installation pinpoint a release of CVOCs on the Mountain Air property. Concentrations of PCE, trichloroethene (TCE) and cis-1,2-dichloroethene (cis-1,2-DCE) exceed the corresponding New Mexico groundwater quality standards in Subsection 3103 of the New Mexico Ground and Surface Water Protection regulations (20.6.2 NMAC) in samples collected from Potential Additional Source Monitoring Well-01 (PASMW-01), located immediately

downgradient of Mountain Air. Based on this investigation, NMED GWQB concludes that PCE and TCE groundwater contamination identified beyond the eastern extent of the NRAP Site is attributable to Mountain Air.

Pursuant to Section 74-6-9(D) of the Water Quality Act, NMED has the authority to make every reasonable effort to obtain voluntary cooperation in the prevention or abatement of water pollution. After careful review and as discussed in our meeting with you on January 23, 2020, NMED concludes the Site requires further assessment and remediation. Mountain Air may conduct this by:

- Voluntary submittal of a Stage 1 Abatement Plan pursuant to 20.6.2.4106.B NMAC; or
- Application for a Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) agreement pursuant to the Voluntary Remediation Regulations (20.6.3.200.B NMAC).

Please voluntarily submit a Stage 1 Abatement Plan or a VRP application within sixty days of receipt of this letter. If NMED does not receive a submittal within the required timeframe as described above, NMED will require an Abatement Plan pursuant to Section 20.6.2.4104 NMAC.

If you have information regarding additional entities who may be responsible for the contamination at the Site, NMED will consider any submitted written documentation.

NMED is taking all necessary precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Given the current public health emergency, all activities must be conducted in accordance with the Governor's current Executive Orders and Public Health Orders. Please help to keep New Mexicans safe by visiting the New Mexico Department of Health's website to learn how you can play a role in stopping the spread of COVID-19 (<https://cv.nmhealth.org>). If you believe the current COVID-19 restrictions impact your ability to safely complete one or more required tasks noted herein, please inform NMED GWQB immediately so that alternate arrangements, if appropriate, may be discussed.

If you have any Abatement questions, please contact Justin Ball, State Cleanup Program Team Leader at (505) 670-1428. If you have any VRP questions, please contact Rebecca Cook, VRP Team Leader at (505) 670-2135. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Hunter, Chief
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