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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS
FIELD SUMMARY REPORT ABANDON AND PLUG ARTESIAN WELLS #68 AND #69
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID# NM6213820974
HWB-FWDA-24-002**

Dear Mr. Cushman,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (Permittee) *Field Summary Report Abandon and Plug Artesian Wells #68 and #69* (Report), dated January 2024. NMED hereby issues this Approval with Modifications with the following comment.

1. Section 3.0, Field Activity Summary, paragraph 1, page 3

Permittee Statement: "Work was conducted in accordance with the Performance Work Statement, the approved Work Plan dated June 2022, and the approved Work Plan Addendum dated March 2023."

NMED Comment: The Permittee abandoned and plugged artesian Wells #68 and #69 in accordance with the work plan approved by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Permit Section VI.B.1.c. states, "[t]he Permittee shall plug and abandon all wells removed from the monitoring program using methods approved, in writing, by NMED." Therefore, the work plan should also have been submitted to and approved by NMED prior to commencing the field operations. The Permittee must submit a well abandonment work plan for NMED's review prior to commencing future well plugging operations. No response is required.

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This approval is based on the information presented in the document as it relates to the objectives of the work identified by NMED at the time of review. Approval of this document does not constitute agreement with all information or every statement presented in the document.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michiya Suzuki of my staff at 505-690-6930.

Sincerely,

**Ricardo
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