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Mr. John Kieling
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RE: Response to Item #1 in February 21 NMED letter: Clarification on submittal dates for multiple documents, Fort Wingate Depot Activity, McKinley County, New Mexico, HWB-FWDA-MISC

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a response to NMED's February 1, 2019 letter regarding submittal dates for multiple documents at Fort Wingate Depot Activity, New Mexico. Specifically, this letter is a response to Item #1 on the Summary Table related to FWDA-11-013, the Hazardous Waste Management Unit (HWMU) Removal Work Plan. The Army is requesting to set a submittal date for the HWMU Closure Report of March 29, 2023. As NMED is aware, the Army's original contract for removal work at the HWMU did not complete all of the work required to close the HWMU. The Army's April 15, 2015 letter to NMED, attached, provided a status update on progress at the site, and notified NMED of a follow-on contract being prepared to complete the HWMU closure work. The follow-on contract was executed on August 19, 2016, and includes a provision to prepare the OB/OD Unit (HWMU) Closure Report in accordance with Section III.A.6 of the RCRA permit. The contract calls for completion of field work at the HWMU by September 30, 2022, with subsequent submittal of the HWMU Closure Report to NMED by March 29, 2023. The Army is therefore requesting a submittal date of March 29, 2023 for the HWMU Closure Report. The report will document remediation work performed within the HWMU, as well as in areas described in the attached November 2, 2017 NMED letter titled: "Clarification regarding the Parcel 3 hazardous waste management unit cleanup of soil contamination outside of the unit boundary."

If you have questions or require further information on this request, please call me at (505) 721-9770.

Sincerely,

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April 15, 2015

Mr. John Kieling
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Dear Mr. Kieling,

The Department of the Army, Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA) is submitting a status letter report for removal of the Hazardous Waste Management Unit (HWMU), as requested by your staff during a phone call on April 7, 2015. Included with this letter is a map delineating the progress of the removal.

The removal is ongoing. When URS de-mobilizes in August 2015 four acres will have been cleared and characterized and an additional six acres will have had removal operations initiated. As of the end of March 2015, URS has processed and characterized approximately 75,000 cubic yards (CY) of soil. Only 1750 CY is contaminated and none is hazardous. Approximately 1.92 million pounds of metal scrap has been sent to the smelter for recycling and 11,782 Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) items have been removed from the HWMU. In addition, before URS de-mobilizes they plan to detonate the 2,000 pound bomb and plug three buried/non-functioning wells (CMW06, CMW20, and CMW21) in Parcel 3.

The contracted work with PIKA-Pirnie Joint Venture Team (JV) includes the removal of surface and subsurface anomalies within the 2,355 acre Kickout Area (KOA) in accordance with (IAW) permit Sections IV.B, C, D, & F. The estimated completion is fall 2017. The JV will also perform Waste Military Munitions (WMM) interim measures IAW permit section VII.G in AOC 92 and SWMU 14, 15, and 33. In addition, the JV will perform a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) (VII.H) at Parcel 3. The estimated completion is fall of 2018. The JV will perform an RFI (VII.H) in Parcel 20. The contractor will also conduct field investigations identified in the previous RFI Reports within the SWMU 40 of Parcel 11, AOCs 88A & B, and SWMUs 12, 27, and 70 of Parcel 22 to include a MEC clearance in SWMU 10. The estimated completion is fall 2017.

A follow-on contract for the remaining soil removal work in Parcel 3 is planned for award in fiscal year 2016. This contract will include removing WMM and debris from the remaining portions of the HWMU and Subsurface Removal within the inner fence of the KOA (IV.F). It will also include operation, maintenance, and closure of the CAMU (III & IX.C-N) and closure (III) of the HWMU.

If you have questions or require further information, please call me at (330) 358-7312 or Eric Kirwan, Project Manager at (817) 366-2437.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Patterson
BRAC Environmental Coordinator

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HWMU Progress Map
CAMU Log

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**RE: CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE PARCEL 3 HAZARDOUS WASTE
MANAGEMENT UNIT CLEANUP OF SOIL CONTAMINATION OUTSIDE OF
THE UNIT BOUNDARY
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID# NM6213820974
HWB-FWDA-17-001**

Dear Messrs. Patterson and Smith:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) discussed soil sampling and cleanup during a phone conversation that took place on September 22, 2017 between Mark Patterson (BRAC Coordinator), Steve Smith (USACE), and NMED regarding Parcel 3 remediation activity. NMED understands that the Permittee's contractor responsible for removal of contaminated soils at the Hazardous Waste Management Unit (HWMU) may encounter contaminated soils near or beyond the boundary of the HWMU. In lieu of discontinuing excavation activities, backfilling the excavation, and then returning to the site at a later date to re-excavate these contaminated soils, the contractor may elect, in coordination with the Permittee, to remove contaminated soils that extend beyond the HWMU boundary.

NMED agrees that the conditions, sampling protocols, and cleanup criteria stated in the Permittee's NMED-approved December 19, 2012 Final Removal Work Plan, HWMU, Parcel 3,

Messrs. Patterson and Smith

November 2, 2017

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Revision 1, including all modifications provided in NMED's January 24, 2013 Approval with Modifications letter, apply to the removal of contaminated soils within, below, and adjacent to the HWMU boundary within the inner fence area.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ben Wear of my staff at (505) 476-6041.

Sincerely,



John E. Kieling
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Mr. Kieling,

The purpose of the attached letter is to provide a response to the New Mexico Environment Department letter dated February 1, 2019 regarding submittal dates for multiple documents at Fort Wingate Depot Activity, New Mexico.

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Respectfully submitted,

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