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August 8, 2007

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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATION
RELEASE ASSESSMENT REPORT PARCEL 21, FEBRUARY 21, 2007
EPA ID# NM6213820974
HWB-FWDA-07-003**

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has completed its review of the Department of the Army's (the Permittee) *Release Assessment Report for Parcel 21* (the Report), dated February 21, 2007. This submittal is a requirement of Section VII.F of the *Fort Wingate Depot Activity RCRA Permit (RCRA Permit)*. NMED hereby approves the Report with modifications. The Permittee must respond to the comments provided in this letter and supply the requested additional information in a revised Release Assessment Report.

The Areas of Concern (AOCs) not addressed in this letter will be addressed in NMED's Notice of Deficiency for the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Work Plan for Parcel 21 which will be mailed under separate cover.

COMMENT 1

NMED agrees that AOC 87 is likely not a source of contaminants. The most likely sources are being addressed through the revised Parcel 21 RFI Work Plan.

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COMMENT 2

The Permittee discusses "Historical Records/Document Review" in all of the AOC related sections. However, the Permittee does not cite or provide references for the documents reviewed for several of the AOCs in the report. This unsubstantiated historical information provided by the Permittee for each AOC cannot be relied upon for regulatory decision making and in fact may result in NMED requirements for further sampling and site characterization to support corrective action decisions for the sites. The Permittee must provide references and citations including page numbers for all historical records. Citations must be provided in all future documents, referencing historical information submitted to NMED.

The Permittee must provide the required additional information no later than September 30, 2007. Please call Tammy Diaz of my staff at 505-476-6056 if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,



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