October 31, 2007

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RE: APPROVAL CLASS 1 PERMIT MODIFICATION
OPEN BURNING/OPEN DETONATION (OB/OD) CLOSURE PLAN
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY
EPA ID# NM6213820974
FWDA-07-008

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the Department of the Army’s (the Permittee’s) letter, dated September 4, 2007 requesting a Class 1 permit modification to the December 2005 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit for Fort Wingate Depot Activity. The Permittee requests a permit modification to submit the Closure Plan in two phases. The first component of the Closure Plan will consist of a work plan to further characterize the OB/OD Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) inside Parcel 3. After the investigation phase is complete, the Permittees will submit a second component of the Closure Plan that addresses cleanup of the OB/OD and associated SWMUs and AOCs. The Closure Plan is required to be submitted under Permit Section III and must be provided to the Pueblo of Zuni and Navajo Nation for review prior to submittal to NMED.
NMED hereby approves the Class 1 permit modification to submit the OB/OD Closure Plans in two parts for review and approval by NMED.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Tammy Diaz-Martinez at (505) 476-6056 or Cheryl Frischkorn at (505) 476-6058.

Sincerely,

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