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Mr. Rick Shean  
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RE: Extension Request for the Parcel 3 Well Replacement Installation, Fort Wingate Depot Activity, McKinley County, New Mexico. EPA# NM6213820974

Dear Mr. Shean:

The purpose of this letter is to request an additional extension for completing the field work and submitting the final report to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for the above referenced project, from December 30, 2022 and February 10, 2023, respectively, to August 30, 2023 and October 10, 2023. As your team is aware, the Army's contractor initiated field work and was able to install several accessible wells earlier in 2022. On May 6, 2022, the Army requested an extension for the installation of the remaining nine replacement wells in this project, which are located in areas with continuing safety concerns, and NMED approved the request on May 18, 2022. Since that time, the Army has been monitoring progress on the ongoing Hazardous Waste Management Unit (HWMU) removal project. That project is making steady progress but is continuing to encounter areas highly contaminated with explosive hazards, which continues to make the area unsafe for installation of the replacement wells. The Army is therefore requesting an additional extension for the installation of the replacement wells, to spring of 2023, when the HWMU removal project is expected to have made sufficient progress to allow for installation of the replacement wells.

Following installation of the remaining wells, the Army intends to begin the eight (8) rounds of quarterly groundwater sampling of Parcel 3 wells, as required by NMED's approval of the Parcel 3 Groundwater RCRA Facility Investigation Report. The Army proposes to submit the work plan for the eight rounds of sampling to NMED by March 1, 2023.

The Army is seeking extension in time under RCRA Permit Section I.M., in order to complete the field work and associated report.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact me at [George.h.cushman.civ@mail.mil](mailto:George.h.cushman.civ@mail.mil), 703-455-3234 (Temporary Home Office, preferred) or 703-608-2245 (Mobile).

Sincerely,

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