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Army Environmental Office, Room 5C140  
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Washington, DC 20310-0600

**RE: APPROVAL  
THIRD EXTENSION REQUEST, PARCEL 3 INNER FENCE REPORT  
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY  
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
EPA ID# NM6213820974  
HWB-FWDA-17-001**

Dear Mr. Cushman,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (Permittee) *Third Extension Request, Parcel 3 Inner Fence Report*, dated February 16, 2024 (Request).

The Request states, “[t]he purpose of this letter is to request a third extension for the submittal of the Parcel 3 Inner Fence Report to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) from February 22, 2024, until July 15, 2024, due to delays with laboratory results and analyses.” NMED hereby approves the extension. The date to submit the report has been changed to **July 15, 2024**.

The Request also states, “[o]nce it became clear that the soil sampling results would delay the submittal of the Inner Fence Report, we considered sending a partial report that only discussed the MEC removal portion of the work since that work is complete. However, we thought that might make a review of the document more difficult. Please let us know if NMED would prefer such a phased submittal of the Inner Fence Report. In the interim, and as a result of the extensive laboratory delays thus far, the Army will update your department on a monthly basis on the status of the data validation effort and report.” A partial report or monthly status

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update is not required; however, the Permittee must continue to notify NMED if there are any additional delays with submitting the report. The final report must be submitted no later than **July 15, 2024**, as requested.

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

Sincerely,

**Ricardo Maestas**

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