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RE: Final Groundwater Background Evaluation, Revision 2, Army Response to the New Mexico Environment Department Second Disapproval dated October 25, 2023, (HWB-FWDA-20-001) Fort Wingate Depot Activity, McKinley County, New Mexico. EPA# NM6213820974

Dear Mr. Maestas:

This letter provides response to comment number 1 in the Second Disapproval Letter, Final Groundwater Background Evaluation, Revision 2.0, New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), dated October 25, 2023. The Army responded to the Final Groundwater Background Evaluation, NMED Letter of Disapproval dated July 6, 2021, with a comment response letter dated December 27, 2022. In the response letter, the Army did not propose any changes to the report. For this reason, the Army did not provide a redline-strikeout version of the report with the December 27, 2022 response letter, and why a redline-strikeout version is not being provided today.

Regarding the remaining comments in NMED's October 25, 2023 letter, the Army will provide responses to comments 2 through 5 in a future correspondence.

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

Sincerely,

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