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George H. Cushman
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Washington, DC 20310-0600

**RE: APPROVAL
WITHDRAW REQUEST FOR FINAL 2023 INTERIM NORTHERN AREA
GROUNDWATER MONITORING PLAN, REVISION 1
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID# NM6213820974
HWB-FWDA-22-001**

Dear Mr. Cushman:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (Permittee) *Withdraw Request for Final 2023 Interim Northern Area Groundwater Monitoring Plan, Revision 1* (Request), dated November 10, 2023.

The Request states, “[s]ince field sampling has been completed for calendar year 2023, the Army will revise the Interim Northern Area Groundwater Monitoring Plan for calendar year 2024 sampling. The 2024 Interim Northern Area Groundwater Monitoring Plan is now being prepared and will be submitted to NMED in the near future under a separate cover letter.”

NMED finds that the basis for the Request is acceptable and hereby issues this Approval. The Permittee must submit the 2024 Interim Northern Groundwater Monitoring Plan (2024 Plan) in accordance with Permit Section V.A and must address all of the comments contained in NMED’s July 19, 2022 Disapproval in the 2024 Plan, where applicable. In addition, the Permittee must submit the 2024 Plan at least 60 days prior to the initial monitoring event scheduled to be conducted 2024.

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

Sincerely,

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