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RE: Extension Request for submitting the Phase 2 Groundwater RCRA Facility Investigation Work Plan, Fort Wingate Depot Activity, McKinley County, New Mexico. EPA# NM6213820974

Dear Mr. Maestas:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension in response to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Approval with Modification Final Northern Area Groundwater RCRA Facility Investigation Report, Revision 3, dated October 19, 2023, to include Comments 1, 4, 7, and 8.

- a. Define what analytes constitute naturally occurring organic compounds
- b. Collect groundwater samples from the new wells where total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) gasoline range organics (GRO) and diesel range organics (DRO) were detected
- c. Conduct TPH-DRO/GRO, volatile organic compound (VOC), and Semi-volatile organic compound (SVOC) analysis with and without the use of silica gel clean-up for at least two consecutive sampling events in the Phase 2 RFI WP

In addition, the Army will include the below in the Phase 2 Groundwater RFI Work Plan to address NMED's comments.

- Work Plan to Investigate the Presence of Potential GW Contamination in the Bedrock Aquifer Beneath the Administration Area, Comment 4
- Work Plan to Install an Additional Well to Delineate the Western Boundary of the RDX Plume, Comment 7
- Work Plan to Replace Well TMW54 with a Well-Constructed with a More Appropriate Screened Interval, Comment 8

The Army is seeking an extension in time under RCRA Permit Section I.M., in order to complete the associated work plan by March 15, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

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