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

**RE: APPROVAL  
FINAL REVISION 1 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT  
PROGRESS STATUS REPORT, 2022 HWMU, PARCEL 3  
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY  
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
EPA ID# NM6213820974  
HWB-FWDA-23-005**

Dear Mr. Cushman:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (Permittee) *Final Revision 1 Hazardous Waste Management Unit Progress Status Report, 2022 HWMU, Parcel 3* (Report), dated December 20, 2023. NMED has reviewed the Report and hereby issues this Approval with the following comments.

**COMMENTS**

**1. Permittee's Response to NMED's Disapproval Comment 5, dated October 19, 2023**

**Permittee Statement:** "Hexavalent chromium analysis was added to the list for future confirmation soil sampling."

**NMED Comment:** NMED acknowledges that hexavalent chromium analytical results for confirmation soil sampling will be included in the upcoming status reports. No response is required.

**2. Permittee's Response to NMED's Disapproval Comment 6, dated October 19, 2023**

**Permittee Statement:** "A sentence was added to the paragraph that states at the

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conclusion of the removal activities a soil sampling Work Plan will be developed to investigate potential surface contamination adjacent to the HWMU.”

**NMED Comment:** NMED acknowledges that the Permittee will submit a work plan to investigate potential surface soil contamination outside the HWMU boundary upon completion of the removal activities. No response is required.

The Permittee adequately addressed all comments contained in NMED’s October 19, 2023 Disapproval; therefore, NMED issues this Approval. The Permittee is reminded that the 2023 HWMU Progress Status Report must be submitted no later than **June 30, 2024**.

This approval is based on the information presented in the document as it relates to the objectives of the work identified by NMED at the time of review. Approval of this document does not constitute agreement with all information or every statement presented in the document.

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

Sincerely,

**Ricardo Maestas**

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