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RE: WITHDRAWAL REQUEST FOR THE PARCEL 22
PERMITTEE-INITIATED INTERIM MEASURES WORK PLAN
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA # NM6213820974
HWB-FWDA-11-011

Dear Messrs. Patterson and Smith:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (Permittee) request for an extension (Request) to submit the Parcel 22 Permittee-Initiated Interim Measures Work Plan (Plan), dated December 12, 2018.

NMED informally concurred with the request via email based on the expectation that the Phase 2 RCRA Facility Investigation Report (Report) would be submitted on time. Unfortunately, the Army did not submit the Report by the required date of August 12, 2019 and is, therefore, out of compliance. Currently, the Army is almost eight years past the original Report submittal date of December 9, 2011 and has requested another year and a half extension. While NMED agrees that submittal of the Plan prior to approval of the Report would be premature, the revised Report should have been submitted in a timely manner.
The Permittee has provided adequate justification for the withdrawal. Therefore, the request for withdrawal is approved. The submittal date for the Plan will be rescheduled after the Report is submitted to and approved by NMED.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ben Wear at (505) 476-6041.

Sincerely,

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