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March 4, 2019

Mr. John Kieling
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RE: Direction to Sample Well 69, Fort Wingate Depot Activity, McKinley County, New Mexico
EPA # NM6213820974; HWB-FWDA-1 8-003

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The U.S. Army is in receipt of your above-referenced letter dated, February 1, 2019. In your letter, you have directed the Army to collect groundwater data from historic Well 69, located in the Administration Area at Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA) along with other requests. As mentioned in your letter, the Army has agreed to: collecting one round of groundwater sample from the subject well; conduct down-hole video logging; and abandonment of Well 69.

The Army is making progress on all three fronts. Adding this well to our existing sampling plan required a contract modification, which we executed as part of establishing a new contract with Eco & Associates to take over from our previous contractor, Sundance Consulting. The new contract was executed in December 2018. The new Contractor has initiated the Interim Groundwater Monitoring program starting January 1, 2019. The sampling parameters required for Well 69 will be collected in April 2019 and the results will be incorporated in the January - June 2019 Interim Groundwater Monitoring Report.

Video Logging: We are in the process of contracting this effort and going through SPA District Contracting Division. We plan to award this contract within the next three months. We will submit the Video logs upon completion of this effort. The Army will try to meet NMED's request for video logs by May 31, 2019, however, it may take longer to complete this task. The Army will submit an extension request in the event, the video report is not ready. We appreciate NMED's understanding and cooperation.

Well Abandonment: The Army has reached out to several drillers, who are licensed to work in the State of New Mexico. One driller has declined our request to submit a quote due to the complexities and strict regulations involved in abandoning Well 69. We have also reached out to the Oil and Gas industry and are awaiting a response. The New Mexico Office of State Engineers has very strict guidelines for the abandonment of such deep artesian wells. Additional factors that may discourage well drillers from accepting this work is the age of Well 69, the rigid abandonment requirements and the known-unknown difficulties they may encounter. We will keep New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) informed of our progress.

Please note that the Army works through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Contracting Division for awards, which is a separate department within the USACE. Awarding a contract is a fairly involved process and requires compliance with all applicable Federal Acquisition Regulations (FARs) and Department of Defense (DoD) Acquisition Regulations

(DFARS). The essential steps include but not limited to scope development; availability of an appropriate contractor; availability of contract capacity; availability of funds; requests for proposals; review and negotiation of contractor proposals; legal review and determination of legal sufficiency etc. In several cases, USACE has acquired contract capacity from other USACE districts, which also adds time to the overall contract process. USACE's Program and Project Managers are working diligently to execute NMED's requirements, while complying with the applicable FARS and DFARS and other USACE's guidelines. All these efforts take time to implement NMED's requirements. However, as described above, all of NMED's directed tasks with respect to Well 69 are underway and are in various stages of completion.

If you have questions or require further information, please call me at (505) 721-9770.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Kieling,

Please see the attached response to the New Mexico Environment Department letter dated, February 1, 2019, HWB-FWDA-18-003.

If you have any questions please contact Mark Patterson at 505-721-9770.

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