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April 14, 2015

Mr. John Kieling Chief, Hazardous Waste Bureau New Mexico Environment Department 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the April 8, 2015 Notice of Disapproval (NOD) letter submitted to the Army for the Technical Memorandum for Groundwater Background Evaluation for the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA). In September 2014, Version 1 of the Technical Memorandum was submitted to the New Mexico Environmental Department – Hazardous Waste Bureau (NMED-HWB) for review. On February 5, 2015, the Army received a letter requesting the Army to use ProUCL 5.0 rather than ProUCL 4.1.0.1. In response to this letter, the Army revised the Technical Memorandum for Groundwater Background Evaluation (Version 2). The revised technical memorandum was submitted to NMED-HWB on March 20, 2015. The April 8, 2015 NOD letter was a review of the September 2014 version and states "the revised Memorandum must be submitted on or before June 2015". We request that NMED-HWB review Version 2 to reduce duplicating efforts, before the Army revises this document again. Version 2 of the technical memorandum uses ProUCL 5.0, and all comments related to ProUCL presented in the April 8, 2015 NOD were addressed in this revised memorandum. The Army requests an extension of 60 days after receipt of NMED-HWB's review of the revised Technical Memorandum for Groundwater Background Evaluation for the FWDA. In the interim, the Army will evaluate comments not related to the use of ProUCL 5.0.

If you have questions or require further information, please call me at (330) 358-7312.

Sincerely,

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