



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

TOOELE ARMY DEPOT
TOOELE, UTAH 84074-5000

May 22, 2003

Environmental Office

Subject: Extension Request, Notice of Deficiency RCRA Post Closure Permit Application, Fort Wingate Depot Activity, EPA I.D. No. NM6213820974

Mr. John E. Kieling
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Hazardous Waste Bureau
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Dear Mr. Kieling:

Please reference your letter, dated May 2, 2003, subject as above. The purpose of this letter is to request an additional extension to the required submittal date of the Army's response to the Notice of Deficiency (NOD), currently required on May 30, 2003.

Since our meeting on April 30, 2003, we have made significant progress in completing our response to the NOD. We have also made the decision to submit a complete revised permit application (rather than change pages to the original application) based upon our response to the NOD. The revised permit application will be submitted with the NOD response.

A schedule for completion of the following items will be submitted with the revised permit application:

- Closure plan
- Post Closure Plan
- Ground water work plans (as suggested by NMED in the NOD)

The delayed submittal for these items is based upon the following:

- The complexity of site conditions and the detail of information (e.g. detonation chamber and munition cutting details) that needs to be developed will require a longer period of time to prepare than allowed for the permit application revision and NOD response submittal.

- Resolution of Army issues that will be presented in the NOD response has a significant bearing upon the content of these plans.

Our progress to date on the NOD response and permit application revision leaves us at about 75% complete. Technical and legal reviews on an action of this importance

are required by several Army organizations. These reviews require a minimum of 2 weeks to complete. Therefore, I am requesting an additional two-week extension to the present required submittal date for the NOD response and revised permit application, to June 13, 2003.

In our meeting on April 30, 2003, we were requested to provide 6 copies of the revised permit application with this submittal. Resolution of the issues that will be submitted by the Army in the NOD response will most likely affect the contents of the permit application. Therefore, I am proposing to submit 2 copies for NMED review with the NOD response. Once the Army issues contained in the response have been resolved, we will submit the requested 6 copies, revised in accordance with the outcome of issue resolution.

Please contact me at, 435-833-2762, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas A. Turner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

THOMAS A. TURNER
Chief, Environmental Office