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November 24, 2009

Mr. James P. Bearzi
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New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the required Kickout Area for the Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) Unit Surface Clearance to comply with the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA) RCRA Permit EPA ID No. NM6213820974. As required by sections IV.B & C of the RCRA permit, the Kickout Area Surface Clearance Work Plan must be submitted within 90 days of the submittal date of the Kickout Area Delineation Report.

FWDA is seeking an extension of time for good cause under Section I.M. An extension is needed to give the Army time to obtain closure of the HWMU per section III.A of the permit. Because of safety concerns and separation distances, both projects cannot occur at the same time. The Army feels closing the HWMU is a higher priority than the Surface Clearance of the Kickout.

The Army requests an extension of the Kickout Area Surface Clearance work plan until December, 2016. This will allow time for the Army to complete section III.A. The Army apologizes for the need to request an extension and appreciates NMED's understanding and continued cooperation at FWDA. If you have questions or require further information, please call me at (330) 358-7312.

Sincerely,

Mark Patterson

BRAC Environmental Coordinator

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