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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AREA OF CONTAMINATION FOR THE
HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT REMOVAL ACTIONS, AT
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY, MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID# NM6213820974
HWB-FWDA-11-013**

Dear Messrs. Patterson and Smith:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received Fort Wingate Depot Activity's (Permittee) *Request for Approval of an Area of Contamination for the Hazardous Waste Management Unit Removal Actions, at Fort Wingate Depot Activity, McKinley County, New Mexico* (Request) dated January 29, 2013 and received on January 31, 2013. NMED hereby approves the request to establish an Area of Contamination (AOC) designation with the following conditions.

The Permittee may not utilize the AOC concept for returning contaminated media to its point of origin or circumvention of the 90-day storage requirement (20.4.1.300 NMAC incorporating 40 CFR §262.34(a)). The AOC may be used solely for facilitating the staging and segregation of remediation wastes on-site. The Permittee must document all areas within the AOC that are

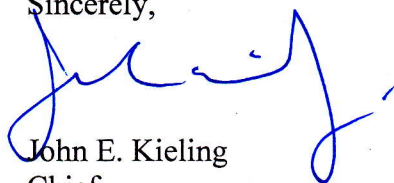
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actually used for management of waste for the duration of its use. Upon completion of remedial activities, all waste must be managed in accordance with the applicable requirements of 20.4.1.100 and 20.4.1.200 NMAC.

While the sampling outline proposed in the request is acceptable, NMED considers baseline sampling in the AOC to be unnecessary. In addition, the closure sampling should be modified as the AOC, or areas within the AOC, are closed based on documentation of usage. For instance, if the Permittee can demonstrate that areas within the AOC were not utilized, additional sampling may not be required in those areas. The Permittee is required to submit a letter detailing the proposed sampling plan at such time that the AOC, or areas within the AOC, are scheduled for closure. NMED reminds the Permittee that it is within NMED's discretion to require supplemental sampling.

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

Sincerely,



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