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RE: Parcel 11 RFI Work Plan Field Sampling

Dear Ms. Begay-Platero and Mr. Wemytewa,

Fort Wingate is nearing completion of the revised final version of the subject work plan for Parcel 11. The Army is incorporating comments from NMED's letter dated December 23, 2008. During the comment response coordination with NMED the Army proposed deferring required sampling on several structures in the Administrative Area which are still in use by Fort Wingate or tenants. Examples of structures which will remain in use during the Army's restoration program include Buildings 5, 12, 13, 34, and the sewage treatment plant. The Army also proposes deferring sampling near storm and sanitary sewer lines in use. Deferring sampling until the Army no longer uses the facilities will characterize potential future spills. In addition, sampling near the old utility lines may possibly damage or destroy lines or manholes which would impair operations and cause additional releases.

The State requested the Army propose these deferrals to you prior to delaying the sampling at these sites only. The Army will however conduct the vast majority of the sampling prescribed in the work plan in accordance with the Permit deadlines. The Army requests a response to our proposal in a timely manner to avoid delays. If you have questions or require further information, please call me at (330) 358-7312.

Sincerely,

Mark Patterson
BRAC Environmental Coordinator