

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY P.O BOX 268 FORT WINGATE, NM 87316

February 2, 2015

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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

RE: Final Work Plan Munitions and Explosives of Concern Removal and Surface Clearance Kickout Area Fort Wingate Activity Depot, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Pursuant to our conversations with your staff regarding the Removal Actions to be conducted within the Kickout Area and the Parcel 3 Areas of Concern (AOCs) and Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs), it is the Army's intent to divide this project into two work plans (WP).

The Department of the Army respectfully submits the first of these two plans; the Final Work Plan Munition and Explosives of Concern Removal and Surface Clearance Kickout Area, Ft. Wingate Activity Depot, McKinley County, New Mexico, in compliance with the Fort Wingate Depot Activity RCRA Permit EPA ID No. NM6213820974.

The enclosed plan includes the details necessary to conduct the following actions for the removal of waste military munitions, waste military munitions debris, and other metallic debris:

- A surface and subsurface clearance of the Kickout Area outside the Parcel 3 "inner fence" excluding the AOCs and SWMUs, pursuant to Sections IV.B, IV.C, IV.D and IV.F of the Permit; and
- A surface clearance of the Parcel 3 KOA within the "inner fence" area excluding the Hazardous Waste Management Unit and AOC 92 pursuant to Sections IV.B and IV.D of the Permit.

The second plan, the Kickout Area Investigation and MEC Clearance Parcel 3 AOCs and SWMUS Work Plan, is currently under Army review and will be submitted for your review at a later date. This second WP will include the details necessary to conduct actions for the removal of waste military munitions, and waste military munitions debris, and other metallic debris in the Parcel 3 AOCs and SWMUs, the arroyo and burial pits. This second WP will include a Soil Investigation Work Plan which provides the details of the investigations and sampling required to characterize the AOCs and SWMUs pursuant to Section VII of the Permit.

In addition to this distribution, copies of this WP are also being sent to the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of the Zuni for concurrent review. The Army understands that the Final NMED approval of this Work Plan will not be granted until the receipt and incorporation of the Tribal comments are completed.

If you have questions or if I can provide additional information please feel free to contact me at 330-358-7312.

Sincerely,

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