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**RE: DIRECTION TO SAMPLE WELL 69
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA # NM6213820974
HWB-FWDA-18-003**

Dear Messrs. Patterson and Smith:

During the September 20, 2018 conference call between the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and Fort Wingate Depot Activity (Permittee), it was agreed that a work plan to investigate Well 69 that was requested in NMED's September 4, 2018 Disapproval letter (PMR Disapproval) for the Permittee's *Groundwater Periodic Monitoring Report July through December 2017* was not required because the well was scheduled to be abandoned. The Permittee was required to submit the well abandonment work plan that was to be provided to and approved by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, as well as the video log of the well. After over four months, no plan or video has been submitted, and the well has not been abandoned.

In addition, NMED's October 17, 2018 Disapproval letter for the *Parcel 3 Groundwater RCRA Facility Investigation Report* requested that previously collected data for Well 69 be provided to NMED. To date, no data has been submitted.

Well 69 provides an opportunity to collect pertinent groundwater data that otherwise would require installation of a new well. As stated in the PMR Disapproval, "[w]ell 69 is appropriately screened to investigate the presence or absence of contamination in the San Andres – Glorieta

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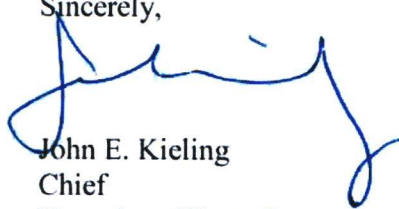
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aquifer. Well 69 is also suitably positioned in the Administrative Area where shallow groundwater contamination has been detected." The PMR Disapproval directs the Permittee to propose sampling and analyses for Well 69 in 2019 in the Interim Facility-wide Groundwater Monitoring Plan (IFGMP). The IFGMP was conditionally approved on October 22, 2018 without the inclusion of sampling Well 69 based on the Army's commitment to abandon the well. The Permittee was granted an extension to submit the response to comments and final revision of the Plan on January 14, 2019; the revision is due April 30, 2019.

Since the well has not yet been abandoned, the Permittee is required to collect groundwater samples from Well 69 during the Spring 2019 groundwater sampling event. The collected samples must be analyzed for nitrate, nitrite, perchlorate, VOCs, SVOCs, explosive compounds, and metals. The analytical results must be presented in the corresponding groundwater periodic monitoring report. In addition, the video log of the well must be submitted to NMED no later than **May 31, 2019**.

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

Sincerely,



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