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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

January 29, 2021

George H. Cushman  
Headquarters, Department of the Army  
Office of the DCS, G-9  
Army Environmental Office, Room 5C140  
600 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310-0600

**RE: APPROVAL  
RESPONSE TO APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS, FINAL REVISION 1, PARCEL 3  
GROUNDWATER BACKGROUND WELLS AND REPLACEMENT MONITORING WELLS  
INSTALLATION WORK PLAN  
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY  
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
EPA ID# NM6213820974  
HWB-FWDA-19-005**

Dear Mr. Cushman:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (Permittee) *Approval with Modifications, Final Revision 1, Parcel 3 Groundwater Background Wells and Replacement Monitoring Wells Installation Work Plan* (Response), dated December 17, 2020.

The Permittee adequately addressed comments in the NMED Approval with Modifications letter, dated November 20, 2020 in the Response; therefore, NMED hereby issues this Approval.

Section 5.3, *Project Reporting and Proposed Schedule*, page 5-2, states, "[w]ell installation field activities start within 45 days following completion of Parcel 3 HWMU removal field activities."

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Although the proposed replacement wells are located in close proximity to the HWMU, the original wells were abandoned at the same locations and these locations were previously accessible. The unexploded ordinance avoidance procedures described in Section 3.3 must be followed to enter the locations and install the wells for safety. However, the Permittee must install, develop, and sample the wells no later than **December 31, 2021**. Delaying until the removal activities are completed is not acceptable.

The Permittee must install the wells based on the approved work plan and submit a well completion report no later than **March 31, 2022**.

This approval is based on the information presented in the document as it relates to the objectives of the work identified by NMED at the time of review. Approval of this document does not constitute agreement with all information or every statement presented in the document.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michiya Suzuki of my staff at (505) 476-6046.

Sincerely,

Kevin  
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Good Morning,  
Please see attachment.

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