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Base Realignment and Closure Division

Mr. Kevin Pierard
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RE: Withdrawal Parcel 9 Igloo Block A Investigation Report, Army Response, Fort Wingate Depot Activity, McKinley County, New Mexico. EPA# NM62113820974

Dear Mr. Pierard:

The Army is in receipt of the New Mexico Department (NMED) response, dated January 27, 2020, to our letter regarding Withdrawal of the Parcel 9 Igloo Block A Investigation Report. The Army proposes to withdraw the data associated with the Parcel 9 Igloo Block A Investigation Report and begin anew with an RFI Work Plan encompassing both of the sites in Parcel 9. The Army requests a coordination meeting with NMED to resolve the issues identified in correspondence between both parties prior to scoping a contract for the RFI. The Army intends to provide the investigative approach portion of the scope to NMED for comment. Contracting this effort will commence upon availability of funding.

Topics for clarification and resolution include:

1. Work performed at Igloo Block A without an NMED-approved work plan.
2. NMED's approved Sampling Plan at Igloo Block A.
3. NMED's requirement to submit the 2008/2010 data obtained in the absence of an NMED-approved work plan.
4. NMED's position of not approving data obtained in the absence of an NMED approved work plan.
5. Initial submission of data in a work plan and not report.
6. Most of the 2008/2010 data results are composites and obtained by the ISM approach. The Army and NMED are in disagreement on multiplying the results by the number of subsamples when comparing to SSLs.
7. The Army now prefers submitting an RFI Report for both sites in Parcel 9, not just Igloo Block A.

The Army appreciates NMED's consideration and support in this matter and requests a telephone call to discuss the path forward on Parcel 9.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact me at George.h.cushman.civ@mail.mil, 703-455-3234 (Temporary Home Office, preferred) or 703-608-2245 (Mobile).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George H. Cushman IV". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

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