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**RE: APPROVAL
FINAL GROUNDWATER SUPPLEMENTAL RFI WORK PLAN REVISION 4, DATED MARCH
23, 2018 REQUEST FOR WORK PLAN DEVIATION
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID# NM6213820974
HWB-FWDA-15-001**

Dear Mr. Cushman:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (Permittee) *Final Groundwater Supplemental RFI Work Plan Revision 4, dated March 23, 2018 Request for Work Plan Deviation* (Request), dated April 22, 2020. NMED has reviewed the Request. NMED hereby issues this Approval.

The proposed new wells MW37, MW38, and MW39 appear to be appropriately located to intercept the nitrate plume. NMED concurs with the proposed well locations. Additionally, the Permittee proposes to use a colorimeter to test nitrate levels to determine final well locations. Since it is possible that colorimetric readings can be skewed by the presence of suspended solids, the Permittee must remove all visible suspended solids (e.g., via filtration) prior to conducting the field test.

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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,



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