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**RE: CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE PARCEL 3 HAZARDOUS WASTE
MANAGEMENT UNIT CLEANUP OF SOIL CONTAMINATION OUTSIDE OF
THE UNIT BOUNDARY
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID# NM6213820974
HWB-FWDA-17-001**

Dear Messrs. Patterson and Smith:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) discussed soil sampling and cleanup during a phone conversation that took place on September 22, 2017 between Mark Patterson (BRAC Coordinator), Steve Smith (USACE), and NMED regarding Parcel 3 remediation activity. NMED understands that the Permittee's contractor responsible for removal of contaminated soils at the Hazardous Waste Management Unit (HWMU) may encounter contaminated soils near or beyond the boundary of the HWMU. In lieu of discontinuing excavation activities, backfilling the excavation, and then returning to the site at a later date to re-excavate these contaminated soils, the contractor may elect, in coordination with the Permittee, to remove contaminated soils that extend beyond the HWMU boundary.

NMED agrees that the conditions, sampling protocols, and cleanup criteria stated in the Permittee's NMED-approved December 19, 2012 Final Removal Work Plan, HWMU, Parcel 3,

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Revision 1, including all modifications provided in NMED's January 24, 2013 Approval with Modifications letter, apply to the removal of contaminated soils within, below, and adjacent to the HWMU boundary within the inner fence area.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ben Wear of my staff at (505) 476-6041.

Sincerely,



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