April 21, 2008

Dear Messrs. Patterson and Smith:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received The Department of the Army’s (The Permittee) letter, dated April 9, 2008 requesting a time extension for submittal of the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Work Plan for Parcel 6 and the Release Assessment Report for Parcel 6 from May 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. The stated reason for the request is that this additional time will allow the Permittee to resolve and incorporate NMED’s prior comments into the contract scope of work for Parcel 6. NMED hereby approves an extension of time for submittal of the RFI Work Plan and Release Assessment for Parcel 6. The Permittee must submit the Release Assessment no later than October 3, 2008. The Work Plan must be submitted 60 days after receipt of NMED’s response to the Release Assessment.

The Permittee has proposed extensive rearrangement of the schedule in Table VII.2 in the Permit. If the Permittee intends to make changes to the schedule the Permittee may submit a Permit Modification request to revise Table VII.2.
If the Permittee chooses not to pursue a permit modification, the Permittee must direct their resources toward compliance with the Table VII.2 schedule. The Permittee may submit documents prior to the scheduled submittal date; however, the Permittee cannot substitute documents to compensate for the delay of scheduled submittals. As stated in the extension request letter, the Permittee must not include the AOCs located in Parcels 24, 9, 10A and 8 in the Release Assessment for Parcel 4. For future submittals the Permittee must not combine Parcels. In addition the Permittee must not combine investigations of SWMUs and/or AOCs with units that are not located in the same parcel. The schedule must be maintained as negotiated unless the Permit is modified.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Tammy Diaz-Martinez of my staff at (505) 476-6056.

Sincerely,

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