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RE: Supplemental Correspondence: Final Northern Area Groundwater RCRA Facility Investigation Report, Army's Response to the New Mexico Environment Department Letter of Disapproval dated January 25, 2022. Fort Wingate Depot Activity, McKinley County, New Mexico. EPA# NM6213820974, HWB-FWDA-21-004

Dear Mr. Shean:

The purpose of this letter is to supplement the Army's May 6, 2022, response letter to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Letter of Disapproval dated January 25, 2022, reference number HWB-FWDA-21-004, Final Northern Area Groundwater RCRA Facility Investigation Report. In the January 25, 2022, letter, NMED requested submittal of additional work plans related to Comments 13, 22, 27, 36, 42, 51, and 52. The Army's May 6, 2022, response letter provided initial responses to those comments, and this letter provides additional information about the requested additional work plans.

The Army provided responses to Comments 13, 22, and 36 that we hope are satisfactory to NMED. In addition, the Army provided responses to Comments 27, 42, 51, and 52 that propose a separate work plan to address data gaps for potential soil contamination in the Administration Area. The separate work plan will address the following, some of which were proposed/initiated in the past but not completed:

1. Sewer Line Investigation: Collect soil samples from inside and below existing manholes to determine the presence or absence of site related contaminants.
2. Data gaps previously identified in the Parcel 11 Phase II RFI. This effort will build on the final Phase 2 RFI work plan previously submitted to NMED for Parcel 11.

Since this Army will need to complete a new contract action for the proposed work plan, the Army proposes to submit the work plan to address data gaps in the FWDA Administration Area by July 30, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

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