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May 18, 2022

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Headquarters, Department of the Army  
Office of the DCS, G-9  
Army Environmental Office, Room 5C140  
600 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310-0600

**RE: APPROVAL - SECOND EXTENSION REQUEST  
PARCEL 3 GROUNDWATER BACKGROUND WELLS AND  
REPLACEMENT MONITORING WELLS INSTALLATION WORK PLAN  
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY  
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
EPA ID# NM6213820974  
HWB-FWDA-21-004**

Dear Mr. Cushman,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (Permittee) *[Second] Extension Request for the Parcel 3 Well Replacement Installation* (Request), dated May 6, 2022.

The Request states, "the Army's contractor initiated field work and is scheduled to install the remaining accessible wells prior to June 30, 2022. However, nine of the replacement wells in this project are located in areas with continuing safety concerns. These areas remain highly contaminated with explosive hazards and/or are within the safety arc of the ongoing Hazardous Waste Management Unit (HWMU) removal project. These areas are scheduled to be remediated of explosive hazards in the next several months, as part of the HWMU removal project. The Army is requesting to complete the remediation work in these areas prior to installing the replacement wells."

NMED acknowledges that the Permittee initiated field work to meet the June 30, 2022 deadline, required by NMED's December 21, 2021 *Approval – Extension Request*, was unable to meet the deadline, but will complete well installation by the end of the calendar year. NMED finds that the requested field work deferment in order to ensure the safety of field personnel constitutes good cause in accordance with Permit Section I.M. Therefore, NMED hereby grants

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the Permittee an extension. Field work under the NMED-approved Work Plan must be completed no later than **December 30, 2022**, and the final report for this work must be submitted to NMED no later than **February 10, 2023**, as requested.

Should you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Michiya Suzuki of my staff at (505) 690-6930.

Sincerely,

**Rick Shean**

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