

February 23, 2016

Mr. John Kieling Chief, Hazardous Waste Bureau New Mexico Environmental Department 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303

RE: Extension Request, Groundwater Background Evaluation Revision, Fort Wingate Depot Activity Gallup, NM. EPA# NM62113820974, HWB-FWDA-14-007

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension from February 29, 2016 for the submission of the Revised Final Groundwater Background Evaluation, Fort Wingate Depot Activity as stated in your letter dated December 30, 2015. The Army is seeking an extension in time under Permit section I.M due to additional time needed to seek resolution and clarification of comments from NMED and Army responses to these comments. These responses were submitted to NMED on December 21, 2015. The Army is requesting an extension for the Revised Groundwater Background Evaluation submittal to March 31, 2016. The Army's groundwater project manager, Saqib Khan, will be contacting your staff to discuss some of the agency's comments prior to submitting the revised document.

If you have questions or require further information, please call me at 330-358-7312.

Sincerely,

Mark Patterson BRAC Environmental Coordinator

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