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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 1, 2016

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**SUBJECT: SECOND EXTENSION REQUEST FOR THE GROUNDWATER
BACKGROUND EVALUATION REVISION,
FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA # NM6213820974
HWB-FWDA-14-007**

Dear Messrs. Patterson and Smith:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Fort Wingate Depot Activity's (Permittee) letter requesting an extension for the revised *Groundwater Background Evaluation*, dated February 23, 2016.

The Permittees request an extension to submit the revised *Groundwater Background Evaluation* (Report). This is the second request for an extension to submit the Report (the previous extension was granted on December 30, 2015). The Permittee requires additional time to respond to and clarify comments from NMED and to prepare the revised Report.

This request comes two months after the previous extension request for this project and asks for a one-month extension. The Permittee was directed in NMED's January 19, 2016 Approval letter (extension request for the Parcel 22 RFI work plan) to request adequate time to complete a project in lieu of submitting multiple extension requests over short periods of time.

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The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension; therefore, NMED grants the requested extension. Because this is the second request for an extension for this deliverable and multiple extension requests over short periods of time can cause issues for project tracking, the date to submit the revised Report has been extended to **December 30, 2016**.

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

Sincerely,



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