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Attention of: RE-12-157

**RE: APPROVAL
600 AREA PERCHED GROUNDWATER
EXTRACTION PILOT TEST WORK PLAN
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)
JOHNSON SPACE CENTER (JSC) WHITE SANDS TEST FACILITY (WSTF)
DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID #NM08800019434
HWB-NASA-12-022**

Dear Ms. Bunker-Farrah:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the NASA WSTF (Permittee) *600 Area Perched Groundwater Extraction Pilot Test Work Plan* (Plan), dated November 2012 and received November 16, 2012. NMED has completed its review of the Plan and hereby approves the Plan. The Permittee shall initiate perched groundwater extraction on or by February 22, 2013. In the event all recoverable groundwater (as defined in the Plan) is extracted within one year or less of commencement of extraction activities, the Permittee will submit a

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Pilot Test Report (Report) within 90 days of the last groundwater and soil gas sampling date. In the event perched groundwater is still present in 600-G-138 after one year of extraction start-up, the Permittee must submit an Interim Project Status Report (Interim Status Report) to NMED within 30 days of the end of the first year of project start-up.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Daniel Comeau at (505) 476-6043.

Sincerely,



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