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Attention of: RE-15-119

**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR CONVERSION
OF WESTBAY WELLS BLM 28, WW-4, AND WW-5
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)
JOHNSON SPACE CENTER (JSC) WHITE SANDS TEST FACILITY (WSTF)
DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID #NM08800019434
HWB-NASA-12-021**

Dear Mr. Davis:

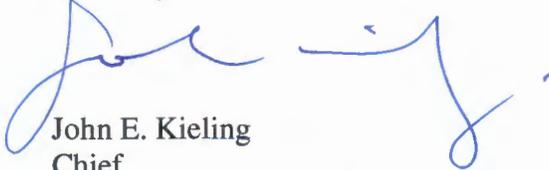
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received NASA WSTF's (Permittee) *Request for Extension of Time for Conversion of Westbay Wells BLM-28, WW-4, and WW-5* (Request) dated October 29, 2015 and received October 30, 2015. The Permittee has cited delays in the delivery of an essential inflatable packer for the construction of the sampling system at BLM-28 and subcontractor scheduling as the basis for the extension request. In support of this, the Permittee stated "[a]s reported in the August and September Monthly Environmental Activity Reports, the offsite subcontractor selected to provide the dedicated low-flow sampling system for BLM-28 encountered significant delays in the acquisition of the inflatable packer necessary for construction of the sampling system. NASA expects this delay

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will likely prevent delivery of the sampling system to WSTF until November or December 2015". Additionally, the Permittee states, "FLUTE personnel are not available to support the installation of the systems at WSTF until December 2015 or January 2016 because of an unexpected increase in the demand for their product during 2015". Based on this information, the Permittee has provided an adequate basis for extension of the original project deadline, and NMED hereby grants the Permittee the requested extension to **January 31, 2016** for completion of the Westbay conversions for wells BLM-28, WW-4 and WW-5. It is understood by NMED that the conversion process will be conducted as outlined in the Permittee's November 1, 2012 Westbay Well Conversion Work Plan, which NMED approved on January 16, 2013. As indicated by the Permittee, completion reports for wells BLM-28, BLM-32, WW-4 and WW-5 must be submitted to NMED by March 31, 2016.

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

Sincerely,



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