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Mr. David W. D'Amore  
Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command  
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Re:            October 22, 2008 Meeting on Building 409 Oil/Water Separator  
                 Buckley Annex  
                 Former Lowry AFB, Denver, CO

Dear Mr. D'Amore

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (the Division) met with Mr. Robert Lopez of AFCEE on October 22, 2008 to discuss additional investigation to be completed in the area of the Building 409 oil/water separator (OWS) removed in 2004. Information was provided at this meeting concerning the status of the two OWSs historically associated with Building 409.

The Division was informed that one of the two OWSs located at Building 409 still remains in place. The Revised Final Environmental Condition of Property Report (August 2007) stated that the western OWS was removed prior to the April 2004 removal of the eastern OWS. However, following Mr. Lopez's visit to the site, it was discovered that the western OWS has not been removed.

In addition, the eastern OWS was removed in 2004 without a work plan approved by the Division. No information is available regarding any disposal of the tank contents or excavated soil disposal. No final report was generated of the closure activities. The Division has received a copy of the March 16, 2004 laboratory report for one water sample and one sludge sample. The Division also received an April 19, 2004 laboratory report for one soil sample collected for TCLP analysis. This data is not sufficient to determine whether a release occurred from this OWS.

The Buckley Annex property, as part of the Former Lowry Air Force Base, has been under a RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) Compliance Order since August 2003. All

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hazardous waste related investigations or remediation work must be approved by our Division prior to implementation. Currently, Mr. Lopez is preparing a work plan for the investigation of the eastern OWS which was removed in 2004. The Division is also requiring the removal and investigation of potential contamination for the western OWS. Please submit the following information concerning the western OWS within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of this letter:

1. Whether the floor drains in Building 409 are still in use?
2. The date of the last removal of material from the western OWS?
3. Whether there is sludge/water still remaining in the western OWS and if so, has it been sampled?
4. A work plan for the removal and confirmation sampling of the western OWS.

The Division requests a meeting to discuss all of our outstanding concerns at the Buckley Annex property as presented in our February 6, 2008 letter. If you have any questions, please call me at (303) 692-3332.

Sincerely,



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