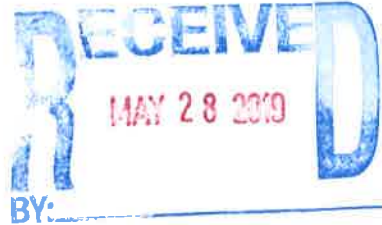




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To Whom It May Concern

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, through their design consultant AECOM, is installing Drinking Water Mitigation Systems (DWMS) for the U.S. Air Force at the Widefield Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) and at the Security Water District (SWD) to address the emerging contaminants perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOS/PFOA). PFOS/PFOA contamination is present in the groundwater that WWSD and SWD utilize as a source for drinking water. The DWMS is addressing the PFOS/PFOA contamination in groundwater under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 USC 9604, 9620. Section 121 (e) (1) of CERCLA states, "response actions are exempted by law from the requirement to obtain federal, state or local permits related to any activities conducted completely on-site."

While CERCLA grants exemptions from administrative requirements, substantive requirements are not exempt and all work must be done in accordance of said requirements. As such, to comply with the substantive requirements of El Paso County's MS-4 permit, a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) and Grading and Erosion Control Plan were submitted to El Paso County on May 3rd, 2019 via the EPC Development Application Review Portal. The plans were developed in accordance with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment SWMP requirements and El Paso County Engineering Criteria Manual.

If you have any questions or require additional information, you may contact me at (402) 995-2753 or at douglas.p.simpleman@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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