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Col. David E. Benson, Commander
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RE: Assessment of Potential Subsurface Contamination at
Landfill 5, CAFB - NM7572124454

Dear Col. Benson:

At an informal meeting here in Santa Fe on January 14, 1992 involving Mr. Jim Richards and Capt. Doug Huff from CAFB, Mr. David Morgan of New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Groundwater Protection and Remediation Bureau (GPRB), and Mr. Edward Horst, Dr. Herb Grover, Dr. Bruce Swanton and Ms. Lee Winn of the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB), it was suggested by Mr. Richards that the HRMB provide some guidance regarding acceptable approaches to investigating the potential for subsurface contamination at CAFB's Landfill 5.

The attachment to this letter represents HRMB's suggestions regarding what might be appropriate and adequate assessment strategies to determine whether subsurface contamination exists at the subject site, and if it does, to determine the extent of such contamination. The attachment is to provide guidance concerning the level of information needed to assess the landfill. Responsibility for developing an adequate workplan and for the ultimate success of the investigative work rests solely with CAFB.

If you have questions regarding NMED activities at CAFB, you can contact the following persons: Dave Morgan (827-2754) to determine which specific NMED staff are involved in studies at CAFB and for general information regarding those studies, Bruce Swanton for questions regarding HRMB's technical work at Landfill 5, Herb Grover regarding the permit issues of Cell 3 at Landfill 5, and Edward Horst for questions regarding HRMB's regulatory positions regarding Landfill 5.

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All HRMB staff can be reached at 827-4300.

Sincerely,



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