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July 29, 1992

Ms. Erna Wentland, Director  
Clovis Carver Public Library  
701 North Main  
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

**RE: Closure Plan Documents Availability**

Dear Ms. Wentland:

A representative from Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) will hand deliver a copy of the proposed closure plan and fact sheet for the proposed closure of CAFB Landfill 5 Cell 3. Please make these documents available to the public during the public comment period which runs from July 30, 1992 until August 31, 1992. We would appreciate it if you could return this copy to us after the comment period closes. Please address the bill to:

Ms. Suzanne Lopez  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
525 Camino de los Marquez  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stoddard at (505) 827-4308 or 827-4358.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward E. Horst".

Edward E. Horst  
RCRA Program Manager  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau



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**CLOSURE PLAN FACT SHEET**

for

**CANNON AIR FORCE BASE**

**CELL 3, LANDFILL 5**

**CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO**

**Activities:** Closure of a hazardous waste landfill cell at Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act.

**Facility Name:** Cannon Air Force Base

**EPA I.D. No.:** NM07572124454

**Location:** CAFB is located in Curry County, New Mexico, approximately 7 miles west of the City of Clovis. The site is Cell 3, Landfill 5, at the southeast corner of the base.

**Unit Description:** The landfill cell is approximately 50 feet wide, 850 feet long and 25 feet deep. Hazardous wastes received include waste oils and solvents, paints, paint removers and thinners, and pesticide containers. Materials from drums were generally deposited on absorbent materials placed in the cell. The cell is subject to regulation as a hazardous waste management unit because it received these wastes after the effective date of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

**Pre-Closure Activities:** In 1989, CAFB closed the cell by constructing a combination polymeric membrane liner and soil protective cap designed to provide long-term minimization of migration of liquids through the cell in order to protect human

health and the environment. Further investigations, subsequent to construction of the cap, showed that the cap did not cover the entire cell.

**Closure of  
Units:**

The proposed closure plan calls for construction of a second landfill cap designed to conjoin with the original and cover the remaining extent of the cell. CAFB has submitted a revised closure plan including construction drawings and specifications for the proposed cap.

**Closure Plan  
Availability:**

A copy of the closure plan is available for public review at the Clovis Carver Public Library, 701 N. Main, Clovis, New Mexico, and at the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503. Requests for a hearing must include a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must include the requestor's name and address. Only comments and requests for public hearing received by **August 31, 1992** will be considered. NMED will publish a thirty day notice of the public hearing, if scheduled.

**Final  
Decision:**

NMED must ensure that the approved closure plan is consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for closure. All comments received on the proposed closure plan during the public comment period will be considered in reaching a final closure plan approval decision. After consideration of all written comments received, NMED will approve or modify and approve the closure plan submitted by CAFB. If NMED modifies and approves the plan, then NMED shall provide CAFB with a detailed written statement of the reasons for the modification and the modified plan will become the approved closure plan. The NMED will notify CAFB and each person who submitted a written comment of any changes made in finalizing the closure plan.