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July 29, 1992

Mr. Dave Tanner  
New Mexico Environment Department  
District IV Field Office  
P.O. Box 1832  
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

Dear Mr. Tanner:

Cannon Air Force Base has submitted a revised closure plan for a hazardous waste management unit under interim status. According to regulation, NMED is required to allow a thirty day public comment period prior to approval of all closure plans.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of each of the following:

- the legal notice as published in the Clovis News Journal;
- the letter sent to all persons on the facility mailing list;
- the fact sheet enclosed with the above letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stoddard of my staff at 827-4308 or 827-4313.

Sincerely,

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

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



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### LEGAL NOTICE

**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS BUREAU  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503**

JULY 29, 1992

#### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLOSE A HAZARDOUS WASTE LANDFILL CELL**

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The HSWA impose additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities which will be administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until the State of New Mexico receives additional authorization for those requirements.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (Section 74-4-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978, as amended, 1989) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) can approve or deny closure plans. NMED has received a closure plan submitted by Cannon Air Force Base, EPA I.D. Number NM7572124454, for Cell 3 of Landfill 5. The unit is presently under RCRA interim status.

Cannon Air Force Base is located approximately 7 miles west of the City of Clovis. The primary mission of the base is to develop and maintain an F-111 tactical fighter wing capable of day, night, and all-weather combat operations and to provide replacement training of combat aircrews for tactical organizations world wide. There are approximately 70 F-111D aircraft currently assigned to Cannon AFB. Other aircraft stationed at Cannon AFB since 1965 include the F-100 "Super Sabre" fighter jet, the F-111A, and the F-111E. Landfill No. 5 began operation in 1968 and is in current use. The site is located in the southeast corner of the base and covers approximately 30 acres. Cell 3 of Landfill 5 is subject to regulation as a hazardous waste management unit because it received hazardous wastes after the effective date of RCRA. Hazardous wastes received at Cell 3 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.

In 1989, Cannon AFB 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. Thus, a second landfill cap designed to conjoin with the original will be constructed to cover the remaining extent of the cell. Cell 3 is roughly 50 feet wide, 850 feet long, and 25 feet deep.

Cannon AFB has submitted a revised closure plan including construction drawings and specifications for the proposed cap. Construction for the cap will not begin until the closure plan is approved by NMED. Once a cap is constructed in accordance with the approved closure plan, CAFB will submit a certification of closure to NMED for review. If NMED finds that the new cap has been constructed in accordance with the approved closure plan and that no deficiencies exist, the certification will be approved and post closure monitoring and care of the cap will begin according to regulation.

The administrative record for this decision consists of the closure plan, a fact sheet, and related correspondence. The administrative record may be reviewed at NMED, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503. The closure plan and fact sheet may be viewed at Clovis Carver Public Library, 701 N. Main, Clovis New Mexico. To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stoddard at the above address or call (505) 827-4308.

Any person who wishes to comment upon the proposed plan or to request a public hearing should submit written comments and requests, along with the commentor's name and address, to the Santa Fe address. Requests for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Only comments and/or requests received by **August 31, 1992** will be considered. NMED will provide a thirty day notice of the public hearing, if scheduled.

NMED must ensure that the approved closure plan is consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for closure. All written comments submitted on the proposed plan will be considered in formulating a final decision. NMED may modify the closure plan based on the comments received. NMED will notify CAFB and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period of the final decision.

After consideration of all written comments received, NMED will approve or modify and approve the closure plan submitted by CAFB. If the 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.



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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.