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September, 22, 1992

Colonel Christopher S. Long  
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RE: Closure Plan Approval, Cell 3 of Landfill 5  
NM7572124454

Dear Colonel Long:

On July 31, 1992, the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued public notice for the closure plan for Cell 3, Landfill 5. The Closure Plan consisted of drawings and specifications for the Geocomposite Soil Cap (dated July, 1992) and the Closure Plan portion (pp. 1-38) of the document entitled: "Closure and Post Closure for Landfill Cell No.3 at Cannon Air Force Base Revised Final October 1988 Revised July 1992". The public comment period ended on August 31, 1992, and no comments were received.

During the public comment period, NMED received an updated version of the specifications and drawings dated August 1992. Several minor changes to the July 1992 submission were made in the updated version. NMED is approving the August 1992 version of the plans and specifications with 4 conditions (see attached). However, after extensive discussion regarding the appropriateness of applying the cap to Cell 3 at this time, NMED extends to CAFB the option to defer placement of the cap and include Cell 3 in the investigations of Landfill 5 pursuant to CAFB's HSWA Permit.

In addition, issuance of the post-closure care permit will be deferred until characterization of Landfill 5 is completed. CAFB may therefore disregard the Notice of Deficiency issued after technical review of the post-closure care permit application (dated 9/02/92). CAFB will be required to continue groundwater monitoring under HWMR-6, Part VI, Section 40 CFR 265.90 and all other interim status requirements for Cell 3 of Landfill 5.

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If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Benito Garcia at (505) 827-4358.

Sincerely,



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**ATTACHMENT**

1. Notification of Construction Schedule

Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) shall provide HRMB with copies of all contractor-prepared Construction Progress Charts required under Section 01310 of the Specifications.

CAFB shall notify HRMB in writing at least 5 days prior to the installation of the gas vent system and to the placement of the geocomposite membrane liner system in order to afford State personnel the opportunity to witness site preparation and system placement.

2. Submission of Contractor Quality Control Plan

CAFB must submit the contractor's quality control plan pursuant to Section 01400 of the specifications for HRMB review and acceptance prior to the start of construction.

3. Availability of the Submittal Register

CAFB must supply HRMB a copy of the initial and final approved Submittal Register pursuant to Section 01300 of the specifications.

4. Specific Design Changes

PVC Vent Pipes: No solvents or adhesives may be used at the joints between sections of pipe. Threaded pipe may be used as an alternative.