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RE: RCRA Facility Investigation Report for Landfills 1 and 2

Dear Mr. Richards:

The New Mexico Environment (NMED) has reviewed the RFI Report for Landfills No. 1 and 2 dated October 9, 1992. Our comments follow.

We did not have an opportunity to review the workplan before the investigation was done, and have some reservations about the adequacy of the characterization of these landfills. We do not believe that enough information is available in this report itself to demonstrate with confidence that there is no environmental threat from the landfills. However, since NMED is requiring a much more extensive investigation at Landfill 5, we believe effort is better expended in ensuring thoroughness in that investigation and that results from it will be useful in guiding decisions about the other landfills.

With these concerns in mind, NMED approves the RFI Report for Landfills 1 and 2 with the explicit understanding that we reserve the right to require additional work at these and other base landfills if the investigation at Landfill 5 reveals the need for remedial action, or if contaminants are observed in ground water monitoring at Landfill 5.

We would like to reiterate that yearly sampling for nitrate, sulfate, chloride, and total dissolved solids (TDS) should be included in the sampling and analysis done at Landfill 5 and other CAFB monitor wells. We would appreciate written confirmation of this, and copies of results.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the RFI Report. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me or David Morgan.

Sincerely,

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