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**RE: Approval of Draft RFI Report Phase II RFI Investigation  
Landfills 3 and 4 (SWMUs 105 and 104) Cannon Air Force  
Base NM7572124454**

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a review of the Cannon Air Force Base response to the Notice of Deficiencies for the Draft RFI Report Phase II for Landfills 3 and 4 (SWMUs 105 and 104).

This review consists of the RFI Report dated March 30, 1995, EPA's Notice of Deficiency dated July 27, 1995, and the Response to the Notice of Deficiency dated September 6, 1995.

EPA believes the report is approvable after submittal of the additional information requested in the attached comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Sturdivant of my staff at (214) 665-7440.

Sincerely,

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David Neleigh, Chief  
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Enclosure

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FILE: HSWA/CAFB/LANDFILLS 314  
TRACK: CAFB/4-4-96/4-9-96/GARCIA/NELEIGH/2 344 DRAFT RFI REPORT PHASE II EPA COMMENTS C/J  
CAFB RESPONSE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO EPA NLS

COMMENTS  
CANNON AIR FORCE BASE RESPONSE  
DRAFT RFI REPORT  
PHASE II LANDFILLS 3 AND 4 SWMUS 105 AND 104

Comment No. 4: Section 3.2 Monitor Well Drilling and Soil Sampling. Why were no chemical analyses performed on any of the soil samples?

Comment No. 5: Section 3.7 IDW Handling Procedures. When laboratory analysis confirmed that the soil cuttings were non-hazardous, they were spread over the site. Include a description of the analytical parameters tested in the laboratory, and include the lab results.

Section 4.1.3: Previous Investigations. Include in the discussion that the presence of diesel and TRPH in the majority of the field and equipment blanks (1992) could be the result of contaminants in the ambient air, or from sample cross contamination.

Section 6.2: Recommendations. Only one additional round of sampling is proposed. (EPA) recommends that at least two additional rounds of sampling be performed at different seasons of the year. - *Seem like note is needed!*

Sample results from the downgradient monitor wells should be compared to Table 6-1 in the report (Comparison of Compounds Detected in Ground Water Samples to MCLs).