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Mr. Benito J. Garcia
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Dear Mr. Garcia

I need your help on several documents awaiting action at NMED. Some of these documents have been with NMED since early 1995, and we are holding off on design and/or project action pending NMED action. These documents are:

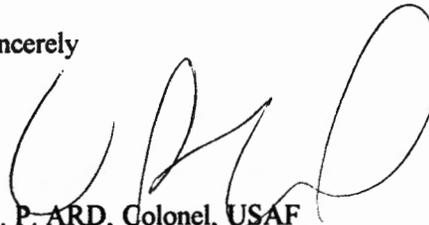
- a. DP-33 report sent Feb 95 awaiting approval.
- b. RFI LF-3 SWMU #105 and LF-4 SWMU #104 Final RFI Report. The NOD on the Final Report was responded to on 24 Aug 95.
- c. LF-5, Cell 3 Post-Closure Care Plan submitted 25 Jan 96 awaiting final approval. A new upgradient well is in use. You may want to review it with LF-5 SWMU #113 RFI Report.
- d. LF-1 SWMU #74, Supplemental Work Plan submitted Dec 95 awaiting approval along with the Work Plan for RFI. Steve Pullen gave his verbal approval in Feb 96, and all the field work is done. Draft Final RFI Report is nearly ready to be submitted but we have no written Work Plan approval.
- e. Draft RFI Report for SWMUs 86-90 (SD-11) submitted in Feb 96. Awaiting approval of no further action.
- f. Appendix II and III Phase II RFI Report (15 total SWMUs) submitted April 1995, NOD was responded to. Awaiting report approval.
- g. Awaiting approval of Workplan for Appendix II and III SWMUs Interim Corrective Actions (19 oil/water separators).

We genuinely appreciate your agency's continued support and cooperation on many actions, and this is by all means not a "poke in the eye." Unfortunately, a large portion of our funding for our continued environmental actions is tied to state action and approval. We are concerned that we may lose this scarce money if some action is not taken soon.

While we are aware that you have not yet received some reviews from EPA, we ask you to act as rapidly as possible to approve those projects you do have. Beside the chance that we may lose funds, it ultimately costs the Air Force more when delays occur and I'm sure we both wish to continue making progress as rapidly as possible at Cannon Air Force Base.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Sanford Hutsell or Mr. John Constantine at (505) 784-4348.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. P. ARD', written in a cursive style.

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