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Dear Mr. Garcia

I am writing at this time to provide formal notification of routine maintenance activities which have occurred at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 31, the Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Pad. The SWMU is an active washrack and is used daily for the cleaning of equipment used in the servicing of aircraft. A map of the SWMU site is provided for your convenience.

Repairs were initiated at the AGE pad to replace expansion joint fill material associated with the washrack concrete pad in May 97. A 20 foot long by 2 feet wide section of the concrete was removed from the pad and exposed evidence of petroleum contamination in the soil. All operations ceased upon discovery of the suspect soil and the base environmental flight was notified of the finding. My environmental flight informed me that the site is an active SWMU and that an ongoing RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) is currently under review with NMED. Further RCRA Corrective Action will be determined by NMED's comments and/or approval of the RFI report.

Because the washrack is vital to the continued mission of Cannon AFB, routine maintenance procedures to maintain the integrity of the facility are necessary. Replacement of the expansion joint material at the site will help to prevent further infiltration of wash water into the underlying soils. Much of the suspected contamination is believed to be attributed to past maintenance practices of the 1950s and 1960s which were considered legitimate for the times.

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Cannon AFB is having soil samples taken from the excavated materials to determine if the soil is a RCRA hazardous waste. All excavated materials will subsequently receive proper characterization for disposal. The sampling results will be provided to NMED for review when they become available.

Any questions pertaining to this activity, or other environmental matters, may be directed to Mr. John S. Pike or Mr. Sanford D. Hutsell at (505) 784-4348.

Sincerely

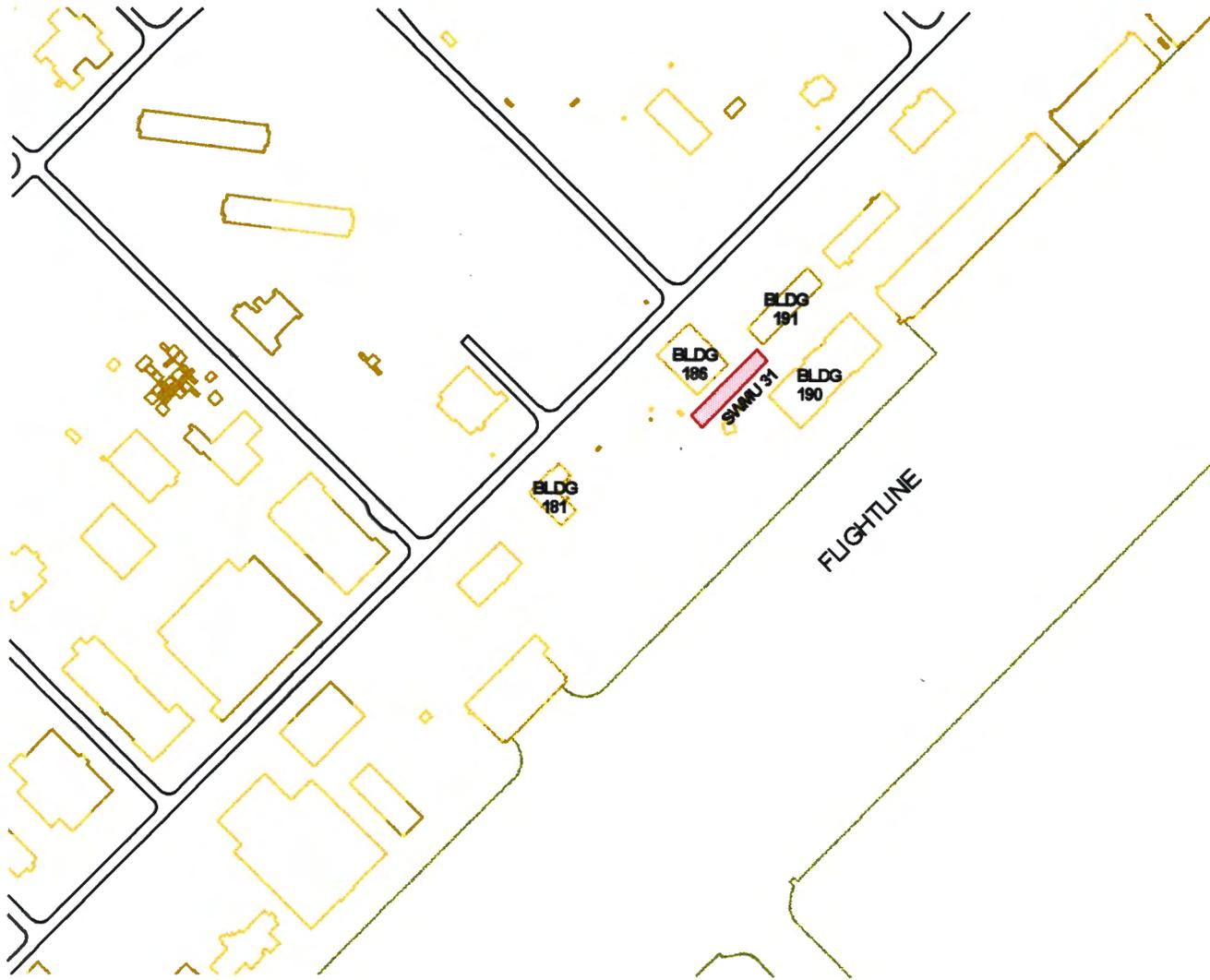
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JAMES A. THOMAS III, Lt Col, USAF
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Attachment:
Location Map of SWMU 31

cc:
EPA Region VI (Mr. D. Neleigh)
HQ ACC/CEV (R. Shannon)

LOCATION SWMU 31



	SWMU Site
	Present Day Buildings
	Runway Roads
	Roads

