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Subject: Cannon AFB Playa Lake and Landfills 3 & 4 Documents

Dear Mr. MacRae:

Enclosed for your information is what I hope to be the final version of HRMB comments on the playa lake contamination, included in the NOD to be issued on the playa lake RFI Report. The comments were revised in response to your letter and a review by Barbara Toth, who is HRMB's risk assessment specialist. Barbara felt that the data collected is inadequate to support a risk assessment, so we are first going to require more rounds of sediment and surface water sampling. If the results indicate a potential problem, we will address data analysis issues at that time.

Also enclosed are the following documents we discussed on the phone a couple of weeks ago:

- 1) Appendix D from the Baseline Risk Assessment, "Ecological Risk Assessment Approach and Methodology;"
- 2) The playa lake section of Appendix A to the Phase I RFI Report, "Quality Control Summary Report;"
- 3) Cannon AFB response to our request for additional information on Landfills 3 & 4, which border the playa lake and where pesticides were detected.

I very much appreciate your time on this. Your comments were useful and were largely incorporated into the NOD. Comments not included at this time will be included when we address the assessment of the new data.

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Let me know if you have further comments or would like additional information.

Sincerely,



Carl Will  
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Enclosures

cc: Jerry Bober (w/out enclosures)

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