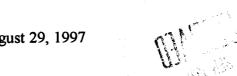


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August 29, 1997



Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief Hazardous and Radioactive Materials bureau New Mexico Environment Department P.O. Box 26110 Santa Fe, N.M. 87502

Re: Final Site Inspection Report Area Of Concern D Cannon Air Force Base



Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a supplemental review of the Final Site Inspection Report for the Area Of Concern D dated June 25,1997 for Cannon Air Force Base. This response addresses specific concerns raised by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in a telephone conversation the week of August 4, 1997, between Bob Sturdivant of the EPA, and Carl Will of the NMED. The supplemental review addressed headspace screening and metals concentrations.

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

Sincerely.

New Mexico Federal Facilities Section

**Enclosure** 

cc: Carl Will

New Mexico Environment Department

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS FINAL SITE INSPECTION REPORT AREA OF CONCERN D CANNON AIR FORCE BASE N.M.

Headspace sample screening was performed at 2 foot intervals for the 9 soil borings according to the approved work plan.

Appendix II HTW drilling logs report field screening results (values) of HS = 0 except for SB 07. The SB-07 field screening report values of HS = 2 at the 4 foot and 6 foot depth intervals. It is not clear what the values HS = 0 and HS = 2 represent. (Best professional judgement)

If background values were considered to be the decision points, how were they determined? (Best professional judgement)