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The Honorable Walter Bradley  
Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico  
State Capitol Building, Room 417  
Santa Fe, NM 87503

Dear Mr. Bradley

I am forwarding to you Cannon AFB's official comments to a proposed New Mexico environmental regulation. In April of 1998, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) proposed an environmental regulation which would greatly increase the amount of money that Cannon AFB must pay to NMED for Cannon AFB's handling of hazardous waste. After proposing this regulation, NMED requested the affected facilities to submit written comments.

Cannon AFB currently pays to NMED less than \$15,000.00 annually for Cannon AFB's handling of hazardous waste, however, under the proposed regulation, Cannon AFB would pay from \$170,000.00 to \$350,000.00 annually. Cannon AFB has already submitted its comments to our Department of Defense (DoD) attorney, who will, in turn, submit Cannon AFB's comments to NMED. It is the opinion of Cannon AFB (and of the DoD facilities in New Mexico) that the level of fees in NMED's proposed regulation is too high. While we agree that NMED is justified in charging reasonable fees to fund NMED's regulation of hazardous waste activities in New Mexico, we believe that the level of the fees in the proposed regulation is unreasonable.

We ask that you review Cannon AFB's enclosed comments and the proposed regulation so that you may be informed of this important issue. If you have any questions or concerns about Cannon AFB's comments, please contact Capt Marci Lawson of my legal office at (505)784-2211. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely

DAVID E. CLARY, Colonel, USAF

Attachment:  
Cannon AFB's Comments  
NMED's Proposed Regulation

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