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Dear Ms. Brinkerhoff

This letter serves as formal disclosure of events that occurred in response to an aircraft crash near Tulia, Texas, on 27 August 2000. Verbal notification was previously made via telephone on 6 September 2000 to Mr. Ron Trueblood of your office.

Cannon Air Force Base (AFB) personnel responded to a crash that occurred approximately four miles northeast of Tulia, Texas, in a plowed agricultural field. Upon arrival at the site, a determination was made by the Disaster Control Group that hydrazine had been released to a limited amount of soil near the location of the aircraft's Emergency Power Unit (EPU) fuel cell. Due to the toxic nature of the material and potential concerns regarding public safety, Cannon AFB emergency response procedures required that the contaminated soil be recovered, containerized, properly labeled and transported to a secure area at Cannon AFB. In accordance with the response procedures, approximately 200 pounds, or 1.4 cubic feet, of hydrazine-contaminated soil was recovered and secured for proper disposal in accordance with the facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit. When this action was discussed with Mr. Billy Barnes of the Hazardous Waste Bureau, he expressed his approval for the procedure on the basis of being the most protective of human health and the environment during an emergency response.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Mr. Daniel Barnett of my environmental staff, at (505) 784-6022.

Sincerely

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