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Dear Ms. DeVine:

RE: MEMORANDUM FOR STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT BY MR. ALTON CHAVIS (DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2001) CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS (NMED FILE NO. 1489ER) ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR CANNON AIR FORCE BASE'S (AFB), NEW MEXICO, DEFENSIVE TRAINING INITIATIVE, GEORGIA (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #FL9909080744C)

This transmits New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) staff comments concerning the above-referenced Memorandum and Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA).

SURFACE WATER QUALITY

Although the Department's Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) staff agrees that there appears to be little potential to discharge pollutants to "waters of the United States" from the proposed activities, it is likely that Cannon Air Force Base already has NPDES Storm Water Multi-sector General Permit coverage for, at least, the Melrose Range. The permittee should amend the existing Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to incorporate any additional activities and pollutant controls dictated by this proposed action.

AIR QUALITY

The Air Quality Bureau has reviewed the comments and concerns regarding the DEA for the Cannon Air Force Base Defensive Training Initiative and responses from Mr. Chavis, Chief of Langley Air Force Base's Environmental Analysis Branch. As proposed, there are no requirements or conflicts with New Mexico laws and regulations pertaining to air quality. We do not have any additional comments concerning this project.

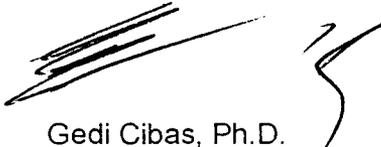
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HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Department's Hazardous Waste Bureau staff strongly recommends to incorporate the Memorandum statements in the revised DEA for the record.

We appreciate the opportunity for this communication.

Sincerely,

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NMED File No. 1489ER (Addendum)

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
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A. Please review the attached document and return your comments to me (1) in hard copy AND (2) electronically, via E-mail or diskette (using WORD format), by no later than 10-22-01

Your review should consider:

- (1) All requirements or conflicts with NMED laws and regulations of which you know;
- (2) All deficiencies or inaccuracies in the information provided which prevent an adequate environmental assessment of the project;
- (3) If applicable, whether the anticipated accomplishments of the proposal justify the requested funding;
- (4) Other information which may be helpful to understand the environmental impact of the project (e.g., other environmental problems in the vicinity, other project impacts, problems which may develop for which no specific NMED law and regulations apply, and so on).

B. Unless otherwise noted, please apply the following procedures when conducting the review:

- (1) Use its above-stated NMED FILE NO. when referring to the project.
- (2) Return this routing sheet with the hard copy of your comments.
- (3) (a) Return document to me after review: YES NO
- (b) Return document to me ASAP if you have an extra copy for your review; indicating that that is why, in fact, you are returning it.

* COMMENTS: I am attaching a copy of our initial
comments for your information to
prepare the Addendum comments.

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