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**Subject:** construction debris encounters at CAFB

Matt,

This email is in regards to your call to notify NMED (New Mexico Environment Department) of asphalt construction debris found at Mil Con construction project "2 Bay Hanger". This is the third incidence of CAFB contacting NMED regarding the discovery of construction debris as a result of new construction activities at CAFB. Based on the information received by CAFB only general construction debris such as concrete, rebar and asphalt has been found, with the exception of a small amount of asbestos containing materials (ACM) in the form of transite tiles in one of the three locations.

CAFB is regulated under a RCRA Permit. NMED is interested in expediting the management of general construction debris and reducing the costs associated with the management and disposal of such debris. NMED does not consider general construction debris (e.g., concrete, rebar, asphalt) to be a threat to human health or the environment. NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB) must be notified when buried construction debris is encountered and NMED will inform CAFB if additional action is required if waste other than construction debris is found; however, there is no need for CAFB to conduct a release assessment every time construction debris is encountered during construction activities at CAFB.

In the event there is evidence of contamination (e.g., stained soils, odors, liquids) and/or buried waste that is not construction debris is encountered (e.g., drums, vehicles, ACM) during construction activities at CAFB, NMED HWB must be notified within three business days (via phone, email or letter) as to the contents of the waste, consideration of how it will be handled and any additional work to be done.

CAFB is reminded that NMED Air Quality Bureau (AQB) handles all ACM. CAFB should continue to notify NMED AQB of all discoveries of ACM waste and follow their regulatory procedures for ACM waste.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

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