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Dear Mr. Kieling

The purpose of this letter is to detail emergency activities conducted under the verbal approval of Mr. David Cobrain (New Mexico Environment Department) on September 13, 2013. This letter is intended to satisfy the requirement that Cannon Air Force Base (AFB) submit a written report after the emergency disposition of twelve (12) PP-3 Pyrotechnic cartridges.

1. Request Basis and Date of Response: On September 13, 2013 twelve PP-3 Pyrotechnic cartridges were located at Bldg 2110, Munitions Inspections. The cartridges were brought on to base by an air crew, which was then turned into the Munitions Storage Area (MSA). Munitions Inspections inspected the cartridges, but had no technical data on the items, as they are foreign. It is MSA's procedure to inspect everything coming into them for safety of storage. Because they had no technical data, Air Force Instruction requires MSA Officer to call Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) to look in their Automated EOD Disposal Publication System to assist identification, which consequently was not found. Without being able to verify the location (armed or unarmed), they had to consider the cartridges armed and unsafe to store or ship. On September 13, 2013 EOD Flight personnel within the 27th Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron (27 SOCES) began the process of obtaining a Level One Emergency Permit from your bureau's permit section. An Emergency Permit was necessary to eliminate this imminent threat that posed a human health, and potential environmental risk. EOD personnel removed the twelve (12) PP-3 Pyrotechnic cartridges to render it safe by means of open detonation.

2. Munitions Involved and Disposition: Twelve (12) PP-3 Pyrotechnic cartridges were detonated in one controlled blast using composition C4 charges (one C4 charge of 1.25 pounds) and a total of three (3) electric caps.

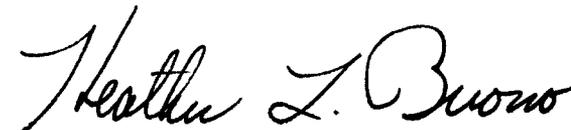
3. Location of Detonation/Disposition: EOD Flight Proficiency Range located on Cannon AFB (MGRS 13SFU5557504620). The detonation took place at approximately 4:30p.m.

4. Responding Individuals from EOD Flight: MSgt Richard Soares (Team Chief), SSgt Michael Cook (Team Member), A1C Ryan Vaughan (Demo Team), A1C Christopher Selby (Demo Team), A1C Justin Balkun (Demo Team), and SSgt Nathan Baloga (EOD Operations).

5. No hazardous residue remained following the destruction of the twelve (12) PP-3 Pyrotechnic cartridges.

If you have any questions regarding this report please contact Mr. Rick Crow, Chief, Environmental Element at (575) 784-6374.

Sincerely

  
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