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September 24, 1993

Sheri L. Bone, Chief  
Environmental Management Division  
Directorate of Environment  
United States Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss  
Attention: ATZC-DEH-E  
Fort Bliss, Texas 79916

Subject: RCRA Permit Process

Dear Ms. Bone:

Thank you for the submission of the Part B Permit Application amendment. The review continues.

In your letter you requested a review of the permit process from this point forward. The next step appears to be for the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to make a determination on the Administrative Completeness of the permit. When the permit has been determined to Administratively Complete, you will be advised of this fact in writing and sent an invoice for the permit fee. The fee will be for the Open Burn and Open Detonation units. Because of their proximity, they will be considered as one unit. The fee is estimated to be \$19,000.00.

Upon payment of the fee, the Technical review will begin. This will involve a more detailed review of the permit application by the Permit Program staff and Technical Program staff. As will be stated in the Administrative Completeness letter, a determination of permit application completeness does not preclude NMED from requesting additional information from Fort Bliss to clarify, modify, or supplement previously submitted material. Requests for such additional information will not render an application incomplete. Upon determination of Technical Completeness, you will be notified by letter.


At this point a draft permit will be prepared, along with the necessary documents for the forty-five day public comment period and public meeting. After the public comment period, the permit will be approved, modified and approved, or denied. All comments received during the public comment period will receive a response. A final permit decision shall become effective thirty

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days after the decision has been served on Fort Bliss or as specified by the Environment Department Secretary. At the time the permit is approved or modified and approved, interim status of the OB/OD unit will be terminated.

If you have any questions or comments, contact Mr. Carl Stubbs of my staff at (505) 827-4308.

Sincerely,

  
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