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**JUDITH M. ESPINOSA**  
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August 26, 1994

Dear Concerned Citizen,

Enclosed are a fact sheet and legal notice for a hazardous waste treatment draft Permit that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) proposes for the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss Open Burn/Open Detonation Unit.

Copies of the draft Permit are available for review at:

**NMED Hazardous and  
Radioactive Materials Bureau,  
525 Camino de los Marquez,  
Suite # 4, P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502**  
*Mondays through Fridays  
from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm;*

**Thomas Branigan Memorial Library  
200 East Picacho Avenue,  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001**  
*Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,  
and Thursdays from 10:00 am to  
9:00 pm, and on Fridays and  
Saturdays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm;*

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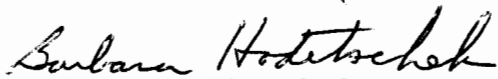
**El Paso Public Library,  
501 North Oregon Street,  
El Paso, Texas 79901**  
*Monday through Thursdays  
from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm,  
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10:00 am to 6:00 pm.*

If you wish to make comments on this draft Permit, they must be in writing and be received by the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau at the address mentioned above no later than **October 16, 1994.**

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If you have any questions regarding this draft Permit, please contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at (505) 827-4308 or at the Santa Fe address given above.

Sincerely,



Barbara Hoditschek  
RCRA Permits Program Manager  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

Enclosures (2)

cc: David Neleigh, (EPA, 6H-P)  
File-Red, 1994.



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**OPEN BURN/OPEN DETONATION (OB/OD) DRAFT PERMIT  
FACT SHEET**

for the

**U.S. ARMY AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY CENTER AND FORT BLISS  
OB/OD UNIT, OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

*August 26, 1994*

**Activities:** Open Burn/Open Detonation thermal treatment of waste munitions at the Department of Defense, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss (USAADACENFB) under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act.

**Facility Name:** U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss.

**EPA I.D. No.:** NM4213720101-01

**Location:** The USAADACENFB OB/OD facility is located in Otero County, 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Las Cruces in southeastern New Mexico.

**Unit Purpose:** The objective of the work to be conducted under this Permit is to thermally treat (destroy) reactive wastes in the form of bulk explosives, damaged, defective, or expired munitions.

**Unit Description:** The Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB)/(OD) Unit consists of a manmade excavation with a roughly oval shape. The unit dimensions are approximately 500 feet (152.4 meters) long, 200 feet (61 meters) wide, and 20 feet (6 meters) deep. Within this excavation are two pits which are used for Open Detonation, and a shallow trench which is used for Open Burn. Dimensions of the two pits are 6 to 7 feet (1.6 to 2.1 meters) deep and 40 feet (12.2 meters) in diameter of the top lip.

The trench is approximately 100 feet (30.5 meters) long, 40 feet (12.2 meters) wide, and 1 foot (0.3 meters) deep. All structures at the unit are earthen. USAADACENFB plans to Open Burn/Open Detonate up to 15,250 pounds (6,916 kilograms) of waste munitions per calendar year at the OB/OD unit.

**Draft Permit  
Availability:**

A copy of the draft Permit is available for public review at:

- (1) **Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001** (*Mondays through Thursdays from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 pm to 6:00 pm*);
- (2) **El Paso Public Library, 501 North Oregon Street, El Paso, Texas 79901**, *on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 am to 9:00 pm, Fridays and Saturdays from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm; and*
- (3) **New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB), 525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite # 4, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502** (*Mondays through Fridays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm*).

Requests for hearing should include a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must include the requestor's name and address. Only comments and requests for hearing received by **October 16, 1994** will be considered. The NMED will publish a thirty day (30) notice of a public hearing, if scheduled.

**Final  
Decision:**

All comments received on the draft Permit during the public comment period will be considered in reaching a final Permit approval decision. The NMED will notify USAADACENFB and each person who submitted a written comment, of any changes made in finalizing the Permit.



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**LEGAL NOTICE # 63**

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS BUREAU  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

August 26, 1994

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PERMIT AN OPEN BURN/OPEN DETONATION UNIT**

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The HSWA impose additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities which will be administrated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until the State of New Mexico receives additional authorization for those requirements.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act NMSA 1978 §74-4-1 et. seq. (Repl.Pamp. 1993) as amended, 1989, and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-7), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) can approve or deny permit applications. NMED has received a permit application submitted by the **U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center (USAADACENFB), Fort Bliss, EPA I.D. Number NM4213720101-01**, for an Open Burn/Open Detonation Unit.

USAADACENFB is a contractor-operated Open Burn/Open Detonation facility located in the McGregor Range, 50 miles east of Las Cruces, Otero County, New Mexico.

The Administrative Record for this permit application consists of the permit application, a fact sheet, and related correspondence.

The administrative record may be reviewed at:

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To obtain a copy of the Administrative Record or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, please contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas at the above Santa Fe address or call (505) 827-4308.

Any person who wishes to comment upon the draft permit or to request a public hearing should submit written comments and requests, along with the commentor's name and address, to the Santa Fe address. Requests for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and the name and address of the commenter. Only comments and/or requests received by **October 16, 1994** will be considered. NMED will provide a thirty (30) day notice of a public hearing, if scheduled.

NMED must ensure that the approved draft permit is consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for permits. All written comments submitted on the draft permit will be considered in formulating a final decision. NMED may modify the draft permit based on the comments received. NMED will notify USAADACENFB and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period of the final decision.

After consideration of all written comments received, NMED will approve, or modify and approve the draft permit. If NMED modifies and approves the draft permit, then NMED shall provide USAADACENFB with a detailed written statement of reasons for the modification and the modified draft permit will become the approved permit. A copy of the modified permit with a detailed statement of the reasons for the modifications will be mailed to USAADACENFB.