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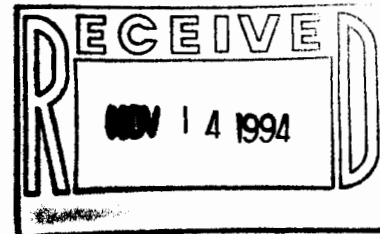
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Dear Mr. Amindyas:

Please accept the following comments regarding the Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) permit (EPA I.D. NM4213720101-01) application by Fort Bliss. This letter provides comments in addition to those submitted by letter dated October 14, 1994.

The Fort Bliss application is for an OB/OD permit through the year 2090. The site is located on a public land withdrawal which expires in the year 2001. If a permit is granted, the permit period should coincide with the expiration of the withdrawal for military use, which is the year 2001.

The Bureau of Land Management feels that prior to issuance of a permit by NMED, the proposed OB/OD use of the site, alternative(s) to the proposal, and the no action alternative, should be considered under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Area Manager
Caballo Resource Area

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