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**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

January 12, 1995

Mr. Richard Boren,
El Paso Coordinator
International Environmental Alliance of the Bravo
P.O. Box 3367 El Paso, Texas 79923

RE: Comments on the US Army Fort Bliss Open Detonation Draft Permit

Dear Mr. Boren:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) received your request for a public hearing on the above mentioned draft Permit proposed for the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss (USAADACFB). Your request for a hearing for the draft permit was received during the public comment period for the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) part of the draft RCRA permit which ended on December 28, 1994. Your comments were sent to HRMB from EPA for our response.

Your request for a public hearing on the HSWA part of the draft permit however, failed to define the reasons as to why a public hearing should be held. Your reasons for requesting that a public hearing should be held must be received by HRMB within ten (10) days of the receipt of this letter. Your response should include issues that NMED is able to address in the proposed Open Detonation draft Permit.

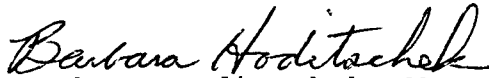
If you prefer, your letter may request that a meeting with you and USAADACFB be held in order to fully respond to the concerns you may have. This is in accordance with New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations 20 NMAC 4.1, Part IX, Section 902.A.4. which state that, the NMED, acting in conjunction with the applicant, will respond to the request in an attempt to resolve the issues regarding the proposed draft Permit.

If we do not receive your response within the designated time, we must assume that your concerns are satisfied. NMED will then make a final decision on the draft permit without holding a formal public hearing.

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If you have any questions regarding this process, you may contact me at (505) 827-4308.

Sincerely,



Barbara Hoditschek, Manager
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TO: RCRA permits branch, EPA Region 6
FROM: Richard Boren, El Paso coordinator of the IEAB
DATE: Dec. 21, 1994

RE: EPA I.D. no. NM4213720101 (Ft. Bliss)

I am writing on behalf of the International Environmental Alliance of the Bravo (IEAB) to request a public hearing on the thermal treatment of hazardous waste from the US Army Air Defense Artillery Center, Fort Bliss Texas. Our organization is concerned about environmental impacts and public health risks from this proposed activity.

My address and phone number is listed above. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard Boren

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