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June 4, 1996

Ms. Marianne H. Thaeler
 Chairperson
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 Sierra Club
 2015 Huntington Drive
 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011

RE: Fort Bliss Open Detonation Permit Modification

Dear Ms. Thaeler:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), on May 17, 1996 approved the Class III Permit Modification to the hazardous waste operating Permit for the U.S. Army Fort Bliss Open Detonation Treatment unit Permit No. NM4213720101-01. A copy of the permit with the incorporated changes is at the NMED, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB), 2044 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The only comments NMED received were those you submitted to HRMB, dated March 22, 1996. HRMB responses to those comments are enclosed.

You have a right to appeal this decision in accordance with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act, Section 74-4-4.2.G., which reads as follows: "Any person adversely affected by a decision of the director concerning the issuance, modification, suspension or revocation of a permit may appeal the decision by filing a notice of appeal with the court of appeals within thirty days after the date the decision is made."

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas at (505) 827-4308.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hoditschek

Barbara Hoditschek, Manager
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cc: David Neleigh, EPA-Region 6, (6PD-N), w/enclosure
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