



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, U. S. ARMY AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY CENTER AND FORT BLISS
1733 PLEASANTON ROAD
FORT BLISS, TEXAS 79916-6816



ENTERED

February 5, 1998

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Directorate of Environment

Robert S. Dinwiddie, Ph.D., Manager
RCRA Permits Management Program
Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
2044A Galisteo Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Request for Waiver of February Sampling Event
Fort Bliss Open Detonation (OD) Permit
EPA ID No. NM 4213720101-01

Dear Dr. Dinwiddie:

In accordance with your letter of December 23, 1997:

- a. Copies of Affidavits of Publication of the OD Permit modification notice are enclosed. The notice was published in the Alamogordo Daily News and the Las Cruces Sun News on January 25, 1998.
- b. The notice was mailed on January 23, 1998, to all persons on the mailing list provided by NMED.
- c. A public meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on February 19 at the Alamogordo Civic Center.
- d. The permit, the modification request, and supporting documents were delivered to public libraries in Las Cruces and Alamogordo on January 23 and will be available for review by the public throughout the 60-day comment period.

Pending outcome of the permit modification application, the Fort Bliss Directorate of Environment requests a waiver on the February sampling event. The public comment period lasts from January 25 through March 25 and may result in requests for a public hearing, delaying NMED's final decision on the application until April or May. If the request to eliminate one of the annual sampling events is denied, sampling can be performed in May and in August.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated. For additional justification and/or information, please do not hesitate to call Ms. Patricia McKernan at (915) 568-6077 or Mr. Ismael Delgado at (915) 568-6993.

Sincerely,

David Felix
Chief, Multimedia Compliance Division

Enclosures

Copy Furnished:

Stephen Pullen - NMED

Affidavit of Publication

ALAMOGORDO,
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, } ss.
COUNTY OF OTERO.

Thomas W. Reeves

_____, being duly sworn, on oath says
that he is the Publisher of the Alamogordo
Daily News, a newspaper of daily circulation, published and printed in the
English language at the city of Alamogordo, Otero County, State of New
Mexico. That the Alamogordo Daily News has been regularly published and
issued for more than nine months prior to the date of the first publication
hereinafter mentioned.

That the attached notice was published 1 times in

1 issues of said newspaper, and not in
any supplement thereof, the first publication being on:

January 27, 1998, and subsequent publications

being on: _____

That said notice was published in accordance with the laws of the
State of New Mexico.

Thomas W. Reeves

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this the

27th day of January, 1998

Janice Coy
Notary Public.

My commission expires June 8, 2000

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#0048 Published in the Alamogordo Daily News on January 27, 1998.
NOTICE OF CLASS II PERMIT MODIFICATION
U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss Directorate of Environment (USAADACENFB-DOE), located at Building 515B, Ft. Bliss, Texas 79916-6812, has requested a Class II modification for New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) hazardous waste facility permit No. NM4213720101-01. The modification requests: deletion of the deep soil boring requirements for compliance sampling; reduction in sampling requirements for the eastern portion of the Unit; provisions for annual instead of semi-annual monitoring based on treatment volumes; clarification of the 24-hour requirement for inspection and sampling to be performed as soon as practical after an OD event; deletion of free liquids, ignitability pH, and PCBs from the compliance monitoring analytical requirements; and reclassification of background sampling locations to outer monitoring points.
In accordance with 20 NMAC 4.1.900, USAADACENFB-DOE will hold a public meeting on this permit modification application:
PLACE: Alamogordo Civic Center, 800 East 1st Street, Alamogordo, NM.
DATE: February 19, 1998
TIME: 5:00 PM.
A public comment period on the draft modification will begin on the date of publication of this notice and end 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Any person who wishes to comment upon the draft permit modifications or wishes to request a public hearing should submit written comments and requests, along with their name and address, to the NMED contact person. Requests for a more formal public hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and the name and address of the commentator. Only comments and/or requests received during the 60-day public comment period will be considered. NMED will provide a thirty (30) day notice of a public hearing, if one is scheduled. Fort Bliss's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the NMED contact person. The NMED contact person is Steve Pullen, Fort Bliss Permit Manager, RCRA Permits Management Section, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, 2044A Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. (505)827-1558.
The contact person for USAADACENFB-DOE is Ismael Delgado, Building 515B, Pleasonton Road, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916-6812. (915)568-6993. A copy of the modification request can be viewed and copied at the following locations: Branigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM, Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Ave., Alamogordo, NM.

FROOF OF PUBLICATION

David E. McCollum, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the Las Cruces Sun-News, a newspaper published daily in the county of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico; that the notice

10886 per clipping attached was published once a week/day in regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof for 1 consecutive days, the first publication was in the issue dated 1/25/98 and the last publication was 1/25/98

Deponent further states this newspaper is duly qualified to publish legal notices or advertisements within the meaning of Sec. Chapter 167, Laws of 1937

Signed David E. McCollum

Publisher
Official Position

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

55.

County of Dona Ana

Subscribed and sworn before me this 5th day of February 1998



OFFICIAL SEAL
JUDY M. LUNA
NOTARY PUBLIC—STATE OF NEW MEXICO
My Commission Expires 2-27-99

Notary Public in and for
Dona Ana County, N.M.

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of the 24-hour requirements for inspection and sampling to be performed as soon as practical after an CO event; deletion of free liquids, ignitability, pH, and PCBs from the compliance monitoring analytical requirements; an reclassification of background sampling locations to other monitoring points.

In accordance with 20 NMAC 4.1.900, USAADA/CENFB-DOE will hold a public meeting on this permit modification application:
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DATE: February 19, 1998
TIME: 5:00PM

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The contact person for USAAD/CENFB-DOE is Ismael Delgado, Building 515B, Pleasonton Road, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916-6812, 915-588-8993. A copy of the modification request can be viewed and copied at the following locations: Bradigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM; Alamogordo Public Library, 820 Oregon Ave., Alamogordo, NM.

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