



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Garrison Command

Mr. James Bearzi  
Chief, Hazardous Waste Bureau  
State of New Mexico Environment Department  
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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

This is in response to your certified letter dated July 10, 2002, which was received on July 12, 2002. Thank you for your notification that New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) staff can no longer serve on the Fort Bliss Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). As you are aware Julie Jacobs of the Groundwater Bureau at NMED has been serving as the NMED Liaison at the quarterly Fort Bliss RAB meetings. As Military Co-Chair of the RAB, I am accepting this letter as her resignation.

The purpose of the RAB is to obtain public input into Defense Environmental Restoration Account (DERA) projects proposed or underway at Fort Bliss. The RAB is a public forum, and attendee's range from private sector to city, county, state, and federal agency representatives. There is no need for NMED staff to serve in an *ex-officio* capacity.

Thank you for your continued interest in the RAB and environmental regulatory compliance and stewardship of natural resources at the United States Army Air Defense Artillery Center & Fort Bliss. The Commanders of this installation, and the management and staff of the Fort Bliss Directorate of Environment, have demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship that has resulted in an exemplary record of environmental regulatory compliance. We look forward to NMED staff's continued presence at the RAB meetings.

Sincerely,

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