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Directorate of Environment

15 May 2006

Mr. David Cobrain
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous Waste Corrective Action Section
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Change in Status for Dona Ana Range 41, Detonation Area, SWMU 26, FTBL-016 NMED ID # 7,
Fort Bliss Permit ID # NM4213720101-01, 15 May 2006

Dear Mr. Cobrain,

This is to inform you that the US Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss has determined to reactivate Dona Ana Range 41 Detonation Area and have begun to schedule training of troops at this site. This action was taken in light of the increased operational tempo demanded by the Global War on Terrorism and the dramatic increase in war fighting troops coming to Fort Bliss.

Range 41 was historically used to train Soldiers whose military occupational specialty (MOS) required them to be able to destroy barriers and/or barricades blocking troop movement. The training at this site involved using Composition 4 (C-4) and other stable explosive compounds to destroy – or blow up – various objects such as metal drums, car bodies and the like. This training simulated destruction of similar item blocking the advancement of troops. Additionally the dramatic rise in the use of improvised explosive devices (IED) in Iraq and Afghanistan has required almost every Soldier to become capable of safely handling military moldable explosives so that when IED's are found they can be safely detonated.

Therefore it is requested that Dona Ana Range 41 Detonation Area, SWMU 26, FTLB-16, NMED ID # 7 be administratively removed from our permit referenced above. Please inform the undersigned of the procedure required to effect this action. The required Delegation of Authority by the Garrison Commander is attached.

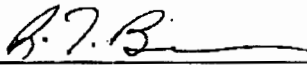
Respectfully,

Keith Landreth
Director of the Directorate of Environment

Attachment: Delegation of Authority

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Director or the Acting Director of the Directorate of Environment is a duly authorized representative of the undersigned and is empowered to sign Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, and Safe Drinking Water Act permit documentation and to make any certification required by federal or state statute or regulation. This certification/signatory authority includes: notices of intent to obtain permit coverage, plans, reports, and other records requiring signature or certification of an authorized representative. The individuals occupying the indicated positions will ensure that qualified personnel gather and evaluate the information submitted. They will also certify that the information presented is, to the best of their knowledge and belief, accurate and complete.



Robert T. Burns
Colonel, US Army
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