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SUBJECT: FWDA storage/disposal of Chemical Warfare Material

Dr. Robert S. Dinwiddie
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Dear Dr. Dinwiddie:

In response to your letter dated February 22, 1999, concerning the above subject, and after researching the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Property Owned by the Department of Defense Ordnance and Explosive Waste Chemical Warfare Materials Archives Search Report for Fort Wingate, dated July 1995, the following information is provided:

- 1- As stated in the above report, interviews were conducted to obtain background and first hand knowledge concerning Chemical Warfare Materials (CWM). A Mr. Elroy Salas, Gallup, NM, stated that 155mm mustard rounds were stored in Area H (Igloo block H area). Mr. Ike Lewis, Ramah, NM, recalled the temporary storage of 155mm Mustard rounds at FWDA but did not recall any demil of chemical munitions. Anecdotal evidence also indicates that mustard gas was temporarily stored at FWDA at one time, but was later shipped to another installation.
- 2- From all of the information reviewed in the above report and from all the people interviewed there is no evidence that any CWM was ever disposed or buried at FWDA..
- 3- From all the information gathered in the above report, the Army did not feel that CWM hazardous constituents existed at FWDA, therefore no sampling was conducted.

If additional information is received, concerning CWM at FWDA, the material will be furnished to your office. If you have any questions please call Mr. Larry Fisher, at (435) 833-3504.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Environmental Office

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