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Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 10:55 AM
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Cc: Patterson, Mark C CIV (US); Kirwan, Stephen E (Eric) SWF; Myers, Dennis J SWF; Church, Clayton A SWF
Subject: RE: Draft public notice for 2,000 lb bomb destruction (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hi Steve,

The notice looks good for the most part, but we do have two comments that need to be addressed.

1. Instead of the sentence which states, "The effective date of the emergency authorization...", NMED would like to see the actual date that the detonation will take place so that the public knows what day to expect the noise and dust/smoke. This may include alternate days if weather or some other issue hinders the operation.
2. NMED personnel should be at the bottom of the list of contacts for additional information, not at the top. Army personnel will be better able to provide the appropriate information to the public than NMED personnel.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Ben,

Here is our draft cut at the public notice we intend to run prior to the demo shot and after we get the emergency permit. Do you have any comments or changes? We request replying to all. Thanks

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PUBLIC NOTICE of EMERGENCY DISPOSAL of HAZARDOUS WASTE

United States Army
Fort Wingate Depot Activity
8 miles east of Gallup, Historic Highway 66, New Mexico
RCRA Permit No. NM6213820974

The New Mexico Environment Department – Hazardous Waste Bureau (NMED) has granted emergency authorization for the disposal of an AN-M66A2 2,000 lb general purpose bomb, discovered during cleanup activities of the Hazardous Waste Management Unit at Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA). Cleanup activities have been ongoing at FWDA since 2005 under a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit (NM6213820974) issued by NMED.

The AN-M66A2, which contains 1,179 pounds of the explosive Tritonal, will be disposed of by controlled detonation. The disposal will occur within an Army-owned parcel at FWDA. Military trained Unexploded Ordnance Technicians will handle the bomb and complete the disposal process. Approved engineering controls will be employed to reduce the blast and fragmentation radius from the detonation. Barricades will be placed at access points at a distance of at least 1,319 feet from the disposal area and no unauthorized persons will be allowed entry. The public will likely notice noise (i.e. explosion) and dust/smoke during the disposal process.

NMED has determined that this authorization is necessary to safely dispose of the bomb (a form of hazardous waste) in order to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The emergency authorization was issued because the RCRA permit does not allow for disposal of more than 200 pounds of explosive waste at once.

The effective date of the emergency authorization is XXX, for a duration of 90 days.

For additional information about the emergency authorization, please contact:

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