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Col. William W. Koelm
Base Commander
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Holloman Air Force Base, NM 88330

RE: Combining hazardous waste permit applications for container storage and open burn/open detonation areas

Dear Col. Koelm:

Members of the Hazardous Waste Bureau staff have recently been in touch by telephone with Ms. Sharon Moore on your staff and our understanding is that Holloman Air Force Base is preparing updated permit applications under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act for two Explosive Ordnance Disposal areas as well as the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Organization container storage area. As mentioned by telephone, these permit applications may be combined administratively into one application if desired. The advantage to Holloman Air Force Base in doing this is avoidance of a \$10,000 basic permit review fee and probably a \$4000 public participation fee that would be applicable to the second permit application if two permits were sought instead of one. In addition, permit review will be expedited under a combined application.

We are under considerable pressure from the Environmental Protection Agency to expedite our handling of the RCRA permitting process in order to meet the deadlines specified in the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Regulations (HWMR-5, as amended 1989) Part V, 40 CFR section 270.73(f). Consequently, we need to ask that you provide an updated Part A and necessary modifications to Part B by June 22, 1990. If the necessary information cannot be supplied by that date, the review of your permit application will have to be rescheduled at some time in the future.

Sincerely,

A. Elizabeth Gordon, Ph.D.
Permitting Supervisor
Hazardous Waste Bureau

xc: Sharon Moore