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Mr. Bill Honker, Chief
RCRA Permits Branch
US EPA Region 6 (6H-P)
1445 Ross Ave.
Dallas, TX 75202

Dear Mr. Honker:

Enclosed is a copy of the draft RCRA permit that the Environmental Improvement Division has sent to Holloman Air Force Base. Enclosed also are copies of the fact sheet, legal notice, which will be published in the Alamogordo Daily News on or about February 11, 1991, and cover letter to Col. Ira Hester. The HSWA module for this permit is being prepared by Region 6 staff.

If you have any questions on this draft permit, please contact David Morgan on my staff at (505) 827-0170 or at the address given below.

Sincerely,

A. Elizabeth Gordon, Ph.D.

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Permitting Supervisor
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FACT SHEET

Intent to Issue a Permit for the Operation of
Hazardous Waste Storage Units
Under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NM

Activities: Hazardous waste storage in containers.
Facility name: Holloman Air Force Base
EPA ID number: NM 6572124422
Location: Holloman Air Force Base, NM 88330
Landowner: United States Air Force
Operator: Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service

Interim Status Activities:

Holloman Air Force Base conducts a variety of military training and maintenance activities that generate many different hazardous wastes. At present they are stored in the hazardous waste storage building and its associated outdoor storage area which will become the permitted storage facility. All wastes are ultimately shipped off-site either to be reclaimed, or to be treated or disposed of at authorized hazardous waste facilities.

Description of the Permit:

The permit describes the structures, equipment, and procedures Holloman Air Force Base will use to store hazardous waste in containers in compliance with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. The wastes will be stored in containers that meet or exceed the requirements of the Department of Transportation, and will be separated from each other in storage according to chemical compatibility. The permit includes a waste analysis plan, preparedness and prevention procedures, a training plan, a description of waste handling procedures, a contingency plan, and a closure plan.

Availability of the Draft Permit:

A copy is available for public review in the reference section of the Alamogordo Public Library, 10th and Oregon Ave., Alamogordo; and at the office of the Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau of the Environmental Improvement Division, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe.

Comment Period:

Any person, including the applicant, who wishes to comment on the tentative decision to issue the permit or on the terms of the draft permit may do so by submitting written comments to the Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau, Environmental Improvement Division, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM, 87503; attention David Morgan. Comments must be received by March 28, 1991 to be considered.

Procedure for Requesting a Hearing:

Any person, including the applicant, who wishes to request a public hearing concerning the proposed action may do so by submitting a written request to the address given in the section above. Any request for a hearing must be made in writing and must state the nature of the issues to be raised in the hearing. Requests must be received by March 28, 1991 to be considered.

Final Decision:

All comments submitted concerning this proposed action will be considered in formulating the final decision. Under the Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, the Director may either approve the permit as written, modify the permit based on the comments received, or deny the permit in whole or in part. If the permit is issued, it will become the operating conditions for hazardous waste management at Holloman Air Force Base. If the permit is denied in whole or in part, the hazardous waste management units for which a permit is denied will lose interim status and will be required to close under the Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for interim status units. The Environmental Improvement Division will notify Holloman Air Force Base and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period of the final decision, or of any public hearing which may be scheduled.

LEGAL NOTICE

NEW MEXICO HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION
HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE WASTE BUREAU

PUBLIC NOTICE No. 42

February 11, 1991

NOTICE OF INTENT TO GRANT A PERMIT FOR THE OPERATION OF A
HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE FACILITY

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The HSWA impose additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities, and these requirements will be administered and enforced by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until the State of New Mexico receives authorization for those requirements.

Under the authority of RCRA, the Environmental Improvement Division (EID) of the New Mexico Health and Environment Department, and EPA Region 6, propose to issue a permit to Holloman Air Force Base for the storage of hazardous waste in containers at its hazardous waste storage facility, and for the implementation of the HSWA provisions. The portion of the permit issued by EID is issued under the authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (Section 74-4-1 et seq. NMSA 1978, as amended 1989), and the portion of the permit issued by EPA is issued under the authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984. Holloman Air Force Base has been assigned the EPA identification number NM 6572124422.

The EID portion of the proposed permit contains conditions regulating the storage of hazardous waste in a specially constructed warehouse building located on the base, and operated by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office. The facility is operating at present under interim status. The hazardous wastes stored at the facility may potentially include most RCRA hazardous wastes. The majority of the hazardous wastes now stored at the facility are spent solvents from cleaning aircraft and other parts, and wastes from the painting and other corrosion protection of aircraft and land vehicles. All hazardous wastes are shipped off-site for reuse, recycling, incineration, or other ultimate disposal.

The EPA portion of the permit will implement the requirements imposed by HSWA, such as waste minimization, land disposal restrictions, corrective action for continuing releases, and emission standards for process vents and equipment.

The administrative record for this decision consists of a fact sheet, the permit application, and related correspondence. The draft permit and full administrative record may be reviewed at the office of the Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau at 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM. The fact sheet and draft permit may be reviewed at the Alamogordo Public Library, 10th and Oregon, Alamogordo, NM; or at the EPA Region 6 library, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX. To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, contact:

Mr. David Morgan
EID - Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau
1190 St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87503
505-827-0170

Any person who wishes to comment upon the proposed permit or to request a public hearing must submit written comments or requests, including the commentor's name and address, to the address given above. Requests for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues to be raised at the hearing. Only comments and/or requests received before March 28, 1991 will be considered. The State of New Mexico will receive comments or requests for hearing regarding the HSWA conditions for EPA. These comments or requests may also be sent directly to EPA at the following address:

Mr. Bill Honker, Chief
RCRA Permits Branch
U.S. EPA Region 6 (6H-P)
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202

All written comments submitted on the proposed permit will be considered in formulating a final decision. EID and/or EPA may modify the draft permit based on the comments received. EID will notify Holloman Air Force Base, and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period, of the final decision or of any public hearing that may be scheduled. EPA may participate in any public hearing if one is held.

If, after consideration of all written comments, this proposed action becomes the final decision, EID and EPA will issue a RCRA permit to Holloman Air Force Base. This permit will regulate activities conducted by the Base and will require that the all activities comply with applicable State and Federal law, as well as with the terms of the permit.

This Notice satisfies the requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq., and 40 CFR 124.10. The EPA portion of the final permit (if issued) will implement the requirements of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA) to the Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended. The State of New Mexico and EPA have entered into a joint permitting agreement whereby RCRA permits may be issued and enforced by the State in accordance with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations until the State receives authorization under RCRA to administer the requirements of the HSWA. Until that time, the HSWA requirements will be issued and enforced by EPA. All permit terms are also enforceable by EPA. In order for the applicant to have a fully effective RCRA permit, both EID and EPA must issue the permit.