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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 1991

TO: Judith M. Espinosa, Secretary

THROUGH: *MG* Benito Garcia, Chief
Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau

KW Kathleen Sisneros, Director
Waste and Water Management Division

FROM: *WZ* Elizabeth Gordon, Permitting Supervisor
Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau

RE: Operating permit for Holloman Air Force Base

Hazardous Waste Units and Waste Managed at Holloman Air Force Base

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.

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.

Changes to the Draft Permit

Comments were received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Mexico Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau. No comments were received from the general public or Holloman Air

Force Base, although Holloman had asked for an extension to the public comment period. The comment period is 45 days by regulation and the request was denied. They were told that comments could be faxed to the Hazardous and Radioactive Bureau if necessary. None were received.

None of the comments received required a major change to the permit and those made are detailed in the responses-to-comments letter which is attached. Most of the changes were to clarify conditions.

Recommended Action

The Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau recommends that the permit be issued.