



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 49TH FIGHTER WING (ACC)  
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

15 SEP 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR New Mexico Environment Department  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
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FROM: 49 CES/CEV  
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SUBJECT: Open Burn(OB)/Open Detonation(OD)

1. In response to the phone conversation on 8 Sept 94, between our Cathy Giblin and your Tom Tatkins, we understand you would like an update on the 300# OB and the 20,000# OD.
2. Attachments 1,2 and 3 are documents for a soil and water characterization performed at the OD pit.
3. As far as the OB, Holloman has initiated work through a contract that will include:
  - a. Putting the permit application on computer disc, WordPerfect.
  - b. Modifying the permit application to show use of a burn pan rather than trenches. Attachment 4 is the design drawings for a burn pan for your review. This is a simple design consisting of a concrete slab and a welded metal pan with a lid.
  - c. Submitting a closure plan to NMED for the old trench.
  - d. Performing sampling in the old trench per closure plan.

We will contact you at a later date to set up a meeting to discuss the closure plan.

4. Although, the above states our plans, our situation may change due to a conversation Ms Giblin had with our headquarters on 9 Sept 94. The Air Force has decided to regionalize OB/OD units. A decision was made last week to have four regional units within the Air Force; Holloman AFB was not chosen as one of them. However, it will be up to the wing commander at each base to decide whether to pursue permitting OB/OD or pursue shipping munitions off base. I will be briefing our wing commander in a few weeks for a decision.

5. In light of this latest development, it may be best to wait a month to begin review of our OB/OD application. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Giblin at (505) 475-5040.



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Attachments

1. OD Soil and Water Investigation Plan
2. OD Soil and Water Investigation Results/Analyses
3. OD Soil and Water Investigation Final Conclusion
4. Burn Pan Drawings

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MAPS WITH THIS DOCUMENT,  
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AT 505-476-6000 TO MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT**