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**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**



May 31, 1996

Mr. Paul Miller
Director
Alamogordo Public Library
920 Oregon Street
Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310

RE: Permit Application Documents Availability

Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of the draft Permit, Legal Notice, and Fact Sheet for the Holloman Air Force Base 20,000-pound (1b) Open Detonation Treatment Unit. Please make these documents available to the public for review during the public comment period which starts on **June 5, 1996** and ends on **July 20, 1996**. I would appreciate it if you could return this copy after the comment period closes.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hoditschek

Barbara Hoditschek, Manager
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Enclosures.

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20,000-POUND OPEN DETONATION (OD) DRAFT PERMIT

FACT SHEET

for the

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE
OD TREATMENT UNIT, OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

June 5, 1996

Activities: Open Detonation (OD) thermal treatment (destruction) of explosives and waste munitions.

Facility Name: Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

EPA I.D. No.: NM6572124422

Location: The Holloman Air Force Base OD Treatment Unit is located in Otero County, 16 miles (24 kilometers) northwest of the City Of Alamogordo in southcentral New Mexico.

Unit Purpose: The objective of the work to be conducted under this Permit is to thermally treat reactive wastes in the form of bulk explosives, propellants, pyrotechnics, and damaged, defective, or expired munitions.

Unit Description: The 20,000-Pound OD Unit consists of a cleared zone approximately 400 feet in diameter. Treatment of the wastes will be accomplished by placing the explosive ordnance on top of the ground within a 100-ft diameter area at the center of the cleared zone. The waste will then treated by detonation. HAFB plans to treat up to 240,000 pounds net explosives weight per calendar at the OD Treatment Unit.

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**Draft Permit
Availability:**

A copy of the Holloman Air Force Base Open Detonation draft Permit is available for public review at:

- (1) **Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Street, Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310**
Mondays through Thursdays from 10:am to 8:00 pm, Fridays and Saturdays from 11:am to 5:00 pm, and on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- (2) **New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 2044 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505** *(Mondays through Fridays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm).*

Requests for public hearing on the draft Permit should include a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must include the requestor's name and address. Only comments and requests for hearing received by **July 20, 1996** will be considered. The NMED will publish a thirty day (30) notice of a public hearing, if scheduled.

**Final
Decision:**

All comments received on the draft Permit during the public comment period will be considered in reaching a final Permit approval decision. The NMED will notify HAFB and each person who submitted a written comment, of any changes made in finalizing the Permit.



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LEGAL NOTICE # 87

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS BUREAU
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

June 5, 1996

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PERMIT A 20,000 POUND OPEN DETONATION UNIT

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 enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (**HSWA**). The HSWA impose additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities. The HSWA requirements are also administrated by the State of New Mexico, having received additional authorization for those requirements on January 2, 1996.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act NMSA 1978 §74-4-1 et. seq. (Repl.Pamp. 1993) as amended, 1989, and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20 NMAC 4.1, Effective September 23, 1995), the New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) can approve or deny permit applications. NMED has received a permit application submitted by the **Department of the Air Force, Holloman Air Force Base, EPA I.D. Number NM6572124422**, for an Open Detonation Treatment Unit.

The Administrative Record for this draft Permit consists of the permit application, a fact sheet, and related correspondence.

The Draft Permit may be reviewed at:

**NMED Hazardous and
Radioactive Materials Bureau,
2044 Galisteo Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505**
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To obtain a copy of the Draft Permit or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, please contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas at the above Santa Fe address or call (505) 827-1561.

An informal public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 1996, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Alamogordo Civic Center, located at 800 First (1st.) Street. The meeting will be held in Conference Rooms A and B.

Any person who wishes to comment upon the draft permit or to request a public hearing should submit written comments and requests, along with the commentor's name and address, to the Santa Fe address. Requests for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and the name and address of the commentor. Only comments and/or requests received on or before **July 20, 1996** will be considered. NMED will provide a thirty (30) day notice of a public hearing, if scheduled.

NMED must ensure that the approved draft permit is consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for permits. All written comments submitted on the draft permit will be considered in formulating a final decision. NMED may modify the draft permit based on the comments received. NMED will notify HAFB and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period of the final decision.

After consideration of all written comments received, NMED will approve, or modify and approve the draft permit. If NMED modifies and approves the draft permit, then NMED shall provide HAFB with a detailed written statement of reasons for the modification and the modified draft permit will become the approved permit. A copy of the modified permit with a detailed statement of the reasons for the modifications will be mailed to HAFB.