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November 18, 1996

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**SUBJECT: Administrative Completeness and Technical Adequacy of
the 300-Pound Open Burn Treatment Unit Closure Plan.
EPA I.D. Number NM6572124422**

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) completed its administrative and technical review of the Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB) Open Burn Closure Plan and sent HAFB a Notice of Deficiency (NOD) on September 20, 1996.

After reviewing HAFB's response to the NOD, the HRMB has determined that all items in the NOD have been sufficiently addressed by HAFB, and the Closure Plan is administratively complete and technically adequate.

NMED will provide the public through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments and suggest changes on the subject plan no later than 30 days from the date of the notice, in accordance with 20 NMAC 4.1.600 incorporating 40 CFR §265.112(d)(4). The public comment period will begin on November 21, 1996 and end on December 21, 1996.

After the 30 day public comment period has ended, the HRMB may, in response to a request, hold a public hearing whenever such a hearing might clarify one or more issues concerning the subject Closure Plan.

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After consideration of all the written public comments received, the NMED will approve, or modify and approve the Closure Plan. If the NMED modifies and approves the Closure Plan, HAFB shall be provided by mail a detailed written statement of reasons for the modification. A copy of the modified Closure Plan will be mailed to HAFB.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation in our permitting process. If you have any questions, please contact Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,

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for Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie, Manager
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