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November 18, 1996

Dear Concerned Citizen,

Enclosed are a fact sheet and legal notice for a draft Closure Plan that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) proposes to approve for a previously active Holloman Air Force Base 300-pound Open Burn (OB) Treatment Unit. The OB Unit is located about 9 miles west of the City of Alamogordo, in Otero County, New Mexico.

Copies of the draft Closure Plan are available for review at:

NMED Hazardous and  
Radioactive Materials Bureau,  
2044 Galisteo Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
Mondays through Fridays from  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Alamogordo Public Library  
920 Oregon Street  
Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310  
Mondays through Thursdays from  
10:am to 8:00 pm, Fridays and  
and Saturdays from 11: am to  
5:00 pm, and on Sundays from  
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

If you wish to make comments on the draft Closure Plan, they must be in writing and be **received** by the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau at the address mentioned above **no later than December 21, 1996.**

If you have any questions regarding this draft Closure Plan, please contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at (505) 827-1561 or at the Santa Fe address given above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Dinwiddie".

Robert S. (Steve) Dinwiddie, Manager  
RCRA Permits Management Program  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

Enclosures

cc: David Neleigh, Chief, EPA Region VI, (6PD-N)  
Gunther Diehl, NMED District III  
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300-POUND OPEN BURN (OB) DRAFT CLOSURE PLAN

FACT SHEET

for the

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

November 21, 1996

**Previous Activities:** Open Burning (OB) thermal treatment (destruction) of explosives and waste munitions. Currently the OB unit is inactive.

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

**EPA I.D. No.:** NM6572124422

**Location:** The Holloman Air Force Base OB Treatment Unit is located in Otero County in the east-central portion of the HAFB boundary, 9 miles (14 kilometers) west of the City Of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

**Unit Purpose:** The objective of the work to be conducted under this Closure Plan is to close a previously active Open Burn treatment unit.

**Unit Description:** The 300-Pound OB Unit consists of four trenches contained in a circular area with a diameter of approximately 800 feet. Each trench is approximately 20 feet long, 6 feet wide, and 10 to 12 feet deep. The OB unit was used for thermal treatment of waste munitions in the form of pyrotechnics, propellants, and ordnance compositions from 1988 to 1994. The total net explosive weight of ordnance, incendiary devices, and munitions which included projectiles, casings and containment devices was limited to 1250 lb.

**Draft Closure Plan**

**Availability:**

A copy of the Holloman Air Force Base Open Burn draft Closure Plan 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 Closure Plan 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 **5:00 pm on December 21, 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 Closure Plan during the public comment period will be considered in reaching a final Closure Plan approval decision. The NMED will notify HAFB and each person who submitted a written comment, of any changes made in finalizing the draft Closure Plan.



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LEGAL NOTICE # 99

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

November 21, 1996

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE A CLOSURE PLAN FOR AN OPEN BURN  
TREATMENT UNIT**

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for 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 State of New Mexico received additional authorization for the requirements of HSWA effective 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 November 30, 1995), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) can approve or deny Closure Plans. The NMED has received a permit Closure Plan submitted by the **Department of the Air Force, Holloman Air Force Base, EPA I.D. Number NM6572124422**, for a previously active Open Burn Treatment Unit.

The Administrative Record for this draft Closure Plan consists of the draft Closure Plan, a fact sheet, and related correspondence.

The draft Closure Plan may be reviewed at:

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To obtain a copy of the draft Closure Plan 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.

Any person who wishes to comment upon the draft Closure plan 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 **December 21, 1996** will be considered. The NMED will provide a thirty (30) day notice of a public hearing, if scheduled.

The NMED must ensure that the approved draft Closure Plan is consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for Closure Plans. All written comments submitted on the draft Closure Plan will be considered in formulating a final decision and may cause the draft Closure Plan to be modified. The 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 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 with a detailed statement of the reasons for the modifications will be mailed to HAFB.