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MEMORANDUM FOR NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Water & Waste Management Division
Attn: Mr. Ed Kelly, Chief
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FROM: 49 CES/CD
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SUBJECT: Remediation of Sewage Lagoons

1. Holloman AFB (HAFB) requests your assistance in finalizing the remediation and associated Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act closure of the HAFB sewage lagoons. Our command headquarters (in VA) currently has funds programmed in this fiscal year for the final remediation of the sewage lagoons. However, until the closure plan has been reviewed by the Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB), these funds cannot be awarded and are now in danger of being allocated to other command projects if the closure plan is not reviewed in time to award the remediation contract by 31 Mar 97. With your help, HAFB would like to draw the sewage lagoon remediation to an expedited closure in order to save existing funds and prevent any further delays in closure.

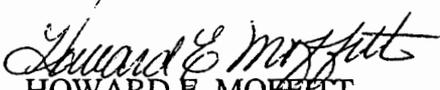
2. As you are aware, the sewage lagoons have a long history with various phases of investigation and remediation. To date, approximately \$12 million have been spent to remediate and characterize the nature and extent of contamination at the lagoons and the risk they pose to human health and the environment. With the placement of a 12-inch soil cover over Ponds A through F, as recommended in the closure plan, the site passes a residential risk assessment, even though the site's land use will remain an open space, restricted area due to its location in the runway clearzone.

3. An interim remedial action (IRA) was initiated in October 1996 to eliminate any potential disease vector problems posed by the site. The IRA involves the placement of a 6-inch soil cover over Ponds A through F and will be completed in April 1997. In addition, HAFB has initiated the design of the final soil cover recommended in the closure plan. HAFB is poised to award the final construction of the soil cover but, again, this cannot occur until a formal review has been completed by the HRMB. This review must be completed by early March in order to award the remediation contract by 31 Mar 97, the deadline to allocate funds established by our command.

4. HAFB realizes that shortages in funding and manpower affect your review schedules and our ability to execute projects. HAFB has strived to be proactive in its restoration efforts, executing

over \$18 million in restoration projects over the past 3 years. It is our hope that we can work together to ensure this project can be completed as quickly as possible. We are available to meet at your convenience, if necessary, and will assist you in any way possible.

5. If you have any questions regarding the remediation of the sewage lagoons, or require additional information, please contact Warren Neff at (505) 475-5395.


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Subject: Remediation of Sewage Lagoons

Dear Mr. Neff:

This letter is to advise you that the HRMB has every intention of providing you with a response on the closure plan of the sewage lagoons before March 31, 1997. Stephanie Kruse has informed me the approval of the closure plan will most likely be with conditions. These will not however, affect closure activities and should not keep HAFB from proceeding with closure of the lagoons.

If you have any questions please feel free to call either Stephanie or myself at 505-827-1557.

Sincerely,

Jerry Bober, Supervisor
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Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

cc: Benito Garcia, HRMB
Stephanie Kruse, HRMB ✓