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February 10, 1997

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RE: APPROVAL OF A 300-POUND OPEN BURN UNIT CLOSURE PLAN
EPA I.D. Number NM6572124422

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

On November 21, 1996, the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) released the Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB) 300-pound Open Burn Unit Closure Plan for a thirty (30) day public comment period pursuant to the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations 20 NMAC 4.1.600 incorporating 40 CFR §265.112(d)(4). The comment period ended on December 21, 1996. No public comments were received.

The NMED hereby approves the Closure Plan for the 300-pound Open Burn Unit at Holloman Air Force Base. The approved plan, a copy of which is enclosed, includes the responses to the Notice of Deficiency that HAFB submitted to HRMB on October 23, 1996.

Closure activities must be conducted according to the closure schedule contained in Section 4 of the approved Closure Plan. NMED's decision on the success of the closure will be made after HAFB has completed closure activities and demonstrated *clean closure/closure by removal* at the 300-pound OB Unit in accordance with 20 NMAC 4.1.900 incorporating 40 CFR §270.1(c)(5). A closure certification signed by HAFB and by an independent New Mexico registered professional engineer must be submitted to NMED within 60 days of completing closure activities. However, if at the end of closure activities, NMED determines that the closure did not meet the standards for *clean closure/closure by removal*, then HAFB must submit a post-closure care application to NMED. This is in accordance with 20 NMAC 4.1.900 incorporating 40 CFR §270.1(c)(5).

Mr. Moffitt, HAFB
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie or Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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