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MEMORANDUM FOR NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: First Quarter 1998 Quarterly Sampling for 20,000 Pound Open Detonation Unit (ODU)

1. The NMED RCRA permit states, "The permittee shall carry out quarterly soil sampling within 72 hours after the last quarterly Open Detonation event." Initially, the 1st Quarter 1998 sampling was scheduled to occur following the 27 March 1998 detonation event. However, due to an unavoidable schedule change, this event was postponed to the end of April 1998. Holloman AFB (HAFB) could not perform the quarterly sampling after the last detonation as required by the permit. However, HAFB did perform soil sampling and analysis of the 6 February 1998 detonation event. Therefore, HAFB will use this event for the 1st Quarter 1998 reporting requirement and is forced to deviate from the RCRA permit by not sampling the ODU soil after the last detonation event of the 1st Quarter 1998.
2. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Drew Lessard at (505) 475-5177.


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