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RE: Notice of Permit Modification and Public Meeting (# 0876 Published in the Alamogordo Daily News)

Dear Sir:

The New Mexico Environment Department-Surface Water Quality Bureau (NMED-SWQB) has received a copy of the public notice announcing Holloman Air Force's (HAFB) intent to request a RCRA Class 3 permit modification for no further action (NFA) on 106 Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs). NMED-SWQB will be unable to send a representative to the January 27, 1999, public meeting, however SWQB would like to make the following comments.

On April 29, 1998, the SWQB sent a letter to Mr. Howard E. Moffitt, Deputy Base Civil Engineer, requesting information identifying SWMUs with surface water concerns, and erosion potential assessment scores for all SWMUs. SWQB explained in the April 29th letter that this information would establish prioritization of the HSWA review process. To date, SWQB has not received the requested information.

It is the policy of the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureaus (HRMB) to request review of all NFA proposals by SWQB before issuing a final decision. Review of the 106 SWMUs proposed by HAFB for NFA however, can not be accomplished until the information requested in the April 29, 1999, letter is received. This will unfortunately cause a delay in the processing of the Class 3 permit modification.

HAFB is encouraged to contact, Ms. Barbara Hoditschek, of my staff, at (505) 827-0596 as soon as possible to make arrangements concerning this matter. SWQB will make every attempt to

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process HAFB's submittal in a timely manner, therefore, your cooperation concerning this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Saums".

Glenn Saums
Program Manager
Point Source Regulation Section

cc:

Stu Dinwiddie, HRMB
Howard E. Moffit, HAFB
David Neleigh, EPA, Region VI
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