



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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MEMORANDUM FOR NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
Attn: Mr. Cornelius Amindyas  
PO Box 26110  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

FROM: 49 CES/CEV  
550 Tabosa Ave  
Holloman AFB, NM 88330-8458

SUBJECT: 5-Day Report of Emergency Detonation Event at 20,000 Pound Open  
Detonation (OD) Unit, EPA ID Number NM6572124422

1. Initial notification of an emergency detonation event at the 20,000 pound OD Unit was made to you 19 Aug 99 at 1:20 pm. An emergency detonation event occurred at the OD Unit on 18 Aug 99 at approximately 3:30 pm. Base Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel treated 12 sticks of dynamite which were considered unstable.

2. The detonation was conducted in accordance with permit conditions and did not threaten the environment or human health. A description of the occurrence follows.

- Owner: Holloman AFB  
49 CES/CEV  
550 Tabosa Ave  
Holloman AFB, NM 88330  
Phone (505) 475-3931
- Facility: 20,000 pound OD Unit  
End of single access road running approximately 20 miles along  
length of test track
- Incident: Date, time--18 Aug 99 at 3:30 pm  
Emergency detonation of unstable dynamite
- Materials Involved: 3 pounds (12 sticks) dynamite, detonated with 2 1/2 pounds C4
- Injuries: None, N/A
- Hazards: None, followed approved operating standards
- Recovered Material: None, N/A

3. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Debbie Hartell at (505) 475-3931.

JOHN R. POLAND  
Chief, Environmental Flight