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MEMORANDUM FOR NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

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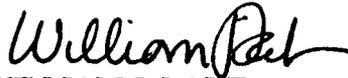
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SUBJECT: Change in the Mechanism of Funding for the Environmental Restoration Program

1. Holloman AFB has been working with the EPA and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for a number of years to aggressively and expeditiously remediate old environmental sites located on the base.
2. Subject program was originally started in 1983 as the Installation Restoration Program, but is now referred to as the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP). As with any federal agency, the Air Force has limited funds with which to conduct its operations. This includes the remediation of these sites. This limit on funds has made the planning of projects and programming of funds in a one-year funding cycle more difficult. A facility could project activities but the amount of money available for the execution of those activities was unknown until the end of the budget process.
3. As of this year, Air Combat Command (ACC), to which Holloman reports and from which Holloman receives its funding, has undertaken a new concept in funding for the ERP. This concept is referred to as level funding. As the name implies, while the base will continue in a one-year budget cycle, it will receive approximately the same funding for the ERP in each out year, allowing for better planning.
4. Unfortunately, this necessitates a reduction in the funding projected for this year and future years for Holloman in order to strike an equitable balance between Holloman and the other ACC bases. All necessary remediation will be conducted. This means that some projects may be pushed into the future. Obviously, any necessary changes in schedules will have to be worked out between our respective staffs at EPA, NMED and Holloman. I am writing in order to assure you of the Air Force, ACC and Holloman's commitment to the ERP and to make you aware of these new funding guidelines.

5. I have also written to the Regional Administrator of Region 6, EPA to inform him of the change in funding.

6. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Court Fesmire or Mr. Jose Gallegos at (505) 572-5395.



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