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Mr. James Bearzi, Chief
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
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**RE: Review of the 1999 Sampling Report for Sewage Lagoons
Long-term Groundwater Monitoring, Holloman AFB,
EPA ID No. NM6572124422**

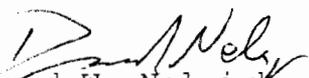
Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a technical review of the Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB) 1999 Sampling Report for Sewage Lagoons Long-term Groundwater Monitoring Program. The report was received, April 19, 2000.

HAFB has monitored the groundwater surrounding the former Sewage Lagoons for organochlorine pesticides and metals since 1995. The recent results of the 1999 sampling event showed that all concentrations of constituents are below health-based levels. The number of detection of pesticides over time reduces sharply and the detections were just barely above detectable levels. Lead, zinc, mercury, thallium and beryllium were not detected. In general, all monitoring wells have shown a decrease in total detected pesticides from 1995 to 1999.

Based on the information presented in the Report, HAFB recommends that the sewage lagoon long-term monitoring activities cease. HAFB should request a modification to this requirement. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Allen T. Chang of my staff at (214) 665-7541.

Sincerely yours,


David W. Neleigh, Chief
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