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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please publish the enclosed Public Notice Number 00-10 in the November 27 and 28, 2000, editions of the *Alamogordo Daily News*. Also, please return a copy of the notice as published with certification of the date published.

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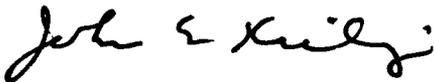
Attention: Cindy Abeyta
RCRA Permits Management Program
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New Mexico Environment Department
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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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If you have questions, please contact Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at the above address or by telephone at (505) 827-1558, Ext. 1030.

Sincerely,



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Manager
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER 00-10
NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION TO
RCRA PERMIT, EPA NUMBER: NM6572124422
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). In January 1996, the State was authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program for parts of HSWA. HSWA imposes additional corrective action requirements on hazardous waste facilities for releases to the environment.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (Section 74-4-1 *et seq.*, NMSA 1978, (1998 CUM. SUPP.)) and New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20.4.1 NMAC, revised 1997), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) can approve, approve with conditions, or deny hazardous waste management Permit and closure plan applications, Permit modifications, and amendments. Under this authority, NMED intends to approve, pending public input into this decision, a Permit modification request submitted by the U.S. Department of Defense, Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB) on July 12, 1999, for their RCRA Permit No. NM6572124422.

Proposed Action. NMED proposes, pending consideration of public input, to approve a modification that consists of the approval of No Further Action (NFA) status for sixty six (66) Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and three (3) Areas of Concern (AOCs) (hereafter **69 SWMUs and AOCs**) located at HAFB near Alamogordo, New Mexico. Upon approval, this modification would be in the form of changes to Tables 1, 2, and 3 of the HSWA Module. The subject Tables 1, 2, and 3 of the Module list SWMUs and AOCs that require or may require corrective action for releases of hazardous waste or constituents, regardless of the time at which waste was placed into or released from such a unit.

NOTE: NMED has reorganized the above mentioned Tables 1, 2, and 3 into Table A.1 [*List of SWMUs and AOCs Requiring Corrective Action*], and Table A.2 [*List of SWMUs and AOCs Not Currently Requiring Corrective Action*]. Table A.2 is for NMED's tracking purposes.

Reason for Decision. The 69 SWMUs and AOCs proposed for NFA have been investigated by HAFB and are considered by NMED to meet established criteria for NFA determination. If the evidence given indicated that a release did occur, the SWMU has been adequately characterized and remediated in accordance with current applicable State or Federal regulations. Available data indicate that any remaining constituents pose acceptable levels of risk under current and projected land use scenerios.

Should any future information reveal that additional remedial action is required at any of the 69 SWMUs and AOCs, the NMED may require HAFB to conduct any necessary activities. Granting of NFA status for the 69 SWMUs and AOCs may therefore not be the final remedy and does not absolve the Permittee from further cleanup responsibilities should they become necessary at a later date.

Administrative Record. The administrative record for this proposed modification consists of the request from the Permittee, the proposed revised HSWA Module Tables A.1 and A.2 (draft modification), the Statement of Basis, the Fact Sheet, the NFA Proposals for each SWMU, Requests for Supplemental Information, and Responses. The administrative record may be viewed from November 27, 2000 through January 10, 2001, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at HWB located at 2044-A Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. The administrative record may also be viewed between these dates at the Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Street, Alamogordo, New Mexico , Monday through Thursday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m, Saturday between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m, and Sunday between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof at 35 cents per page, contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas at the Santa Fe address given above or call (505) 827-1558, Ext. 1030.

An informal Public Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 6, 2000, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., at the Alamogordo Civic Center, 800 East First Street, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Public Comment and Hearing. In accordance with 20.4.1.900 NMAC, a 45-day public comment period will be conducted from November 27, 2000 through January 10, 2001. Any person who wishes to comment on the proposed modification or request a public hearing should submit written comments/requests **on or before January 10, 2001**. Comments and requests for a hearing should include the commentor/requestor's name and address and be sent to Mr. Cornelius Amindyas at the NMED address given above. Requests for a hearing should include a statement of the nature of the issues to be raised during the hearing. Only those written Public comments/requests received before 5 p.m., January 10, 2001 will be considered. NMED will provide a 30-day notice of a hearing, if scheduled.

All written comments and all issues raised at a public hearing, if held, will become part of the administrative record and will be considered in formulating the final decision. NMED may approve, or modify and approve, or deny separate parts of the modification based on the comments received. NMED will notify HAFB and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period or testimony at a public hearing of the final decision, including any approved changes to the proposed modification, and shall provide a statement of reasons for any such changes.