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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 49TH FIGHTER WING (ACC)
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

10 OCT 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CARL WILL

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Hazardous Waste Bureau
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FROM: 49 CES/CC
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SUBJECT: Holloman AFB Sewage Spill

1. This letter is the 5-day written submission of permit as required by Water Quality Control Commission Regulation 20.6.2.1203. The sewage release was initially reported to your office at 1520 MST on 2 Oct 2002. The noncompliance concerns an inadvertent by-pass of the treatment system. The event was caused by the malfunction of a lift station. The sewage filled up the lift station chamber and overflowed into the surrounding area. The overflow occurred during the night and was reported on the morning of 2 Oct 2002. During the morning of 2 Oct, the nearest upstream manhole was found to be seeping sewage due to the backup from the lift station.
2. The overflow was stopped by pumping out the sewage in the lift station to a downstream cleanout. Upon completion of the sewage removal, repairs to the lift station were initiated. The pumps in the lift station were repaired. The lift station was operating normally by the afternoon of 2 Oct 2002.
3. The total overflow of sewage was estimated at 200 gallons. The overflow occurred in an isolated area and spilled onto the surrounding dirt and vegetation. The nearest inhabited structure is approximately 0.3 miles away. The area of overflow is remote and the risk of human contact is considered extremely low. Additionally, there are no nearby waterways, arroyos or storm water drainage systems; consequently, overflow was of no risk to waterways.
4. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Michael Montoya or Dr. Fred Fisher at (505) 572-3931.

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