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June 17, 2003

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**RE: REVIEW OF THE DRAFT PHASE II RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION
WORKPLAN FOR SWMU 141
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE
EPA ID# NM65721224422
HWB-HAFB-03-002**

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB) has reviewed Holloman Air Force Base's RCRA Facility Investigation Work Plan dated April 2003 for the above solid waste management unit.

The NMED has the following comments and concerns that should be addressed before approval is granted.

1. Pursuant to RSI comment #6 dated March 5, 2002 following NMED's review of the Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation (PA/SI) Report, NMED had required the investigation include definition of the lateral extent of contamination discovered in the former pit location. Therefore, the work plan should include 1 soil boring and

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ground water sample in the center of the pit to confirm the PA/SI data obtained from BH-27-02 and 03 and at least one soil boring and ground water sample in the downgradient area in order to characterize the lateral extent of contamination.

2. Section 4.1, Drainage Gallery Assessment - The last sentence states that if contaminated sediment is encountered, it will be isolated and disposed of accordingly. How will this determination be made? The NMED will require that the sediment removed from the drainage gallery be sampled and analyzed for suite of constituents described in Section 4.3 in order to make this assessment. This sample should be collected from near the bottom of the drainage gallery, as this would most likely represent sediment that deposited at the time of operation of the unit.
3. Please check the data presented in Table 2. It appears that the data for BH-27-01 and 03 has been transposed.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Jetter or myself at (505)841-9488.

Sincerely,



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