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June 20, 2003

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**RE: REVIEW OF THE DRAFT REPORT FOR THE REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION
OF AOC - 3 (DP-63) - DISPOSAL PIT 63
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE
EPA ID NO. NM6572124422
TASK # HAFB-03-003**

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous Waste Bureau has reviewed the Draft Report for the Remedial Investigation of AOC-3/DP-63 dated December 2002. Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB) submitted the Report on April 4, 2003.

Please address the following comments and incorporate the information into the final report:

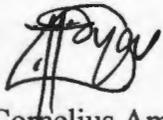
1. Section 2.0, page 2-1 - The dates of the RI field activities should be July, August and September 2002, not 2001 as stated in this section.
2. Section 5.2.1, page 5-3, first sentence - Check the date of the PA/SI and make the necessary correction. The NMED believes this should be April 2000.
3. Section 5.2.2 - Metals, page 5-5, last paragraph - Lead also exceeded background levels in one sample (DP-07, 0-0.5 ft.). Please include and discuss this information in this section.

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4. Section 5.4.1 – Soil, page 5-8 - This section should include a discussion of the high lead occurrence that was detected at the above referenced location.
5. Tables of Analytical results - The NMED requests that the term (ND) not be used in reporting data. The NMED recommends using less than the instrument detection limit (e.g. < 0.5 mg/kg) to report these values.
6. Table 5-5 - The “B” qualifier used in the VOCs data should be a “J” qualifier.
7. Section 7.1.2, page 7-1 - The human health and ecological risk assessments should not be limited to the most recent data only. All relevant data, past and current, should be used in performing the risk assessment.
8. Section 7.1.2.2, last sentence, first paragraph, page 7-2 - The next sampling depth was between 19 and 27 feet below ground surface, not the 32 feet stated in this section.
9. Appendix B - The laboratory analytical results were not included. Please provide.

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

Sincerely,



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