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March 25, 1991

Col. Edward S. Brannum  
Base Commander  
1606 ABW/CC  
Kirtland Air Force Base, NM 87117-5000

**RE: Flare testing at Elephant Butte  
NM9570024423**

Dear Col. Brannum:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received a public complaint regarding Kirtland Air Force Base's (KAFB) flare training program at Elephant Butte Lake. Bruce Swanton of my staff has communicated the facts of the case to John Gould and Walter Darr of KAFB's Environmental Management Division. Enclosed is a recently received letter containing a more comprehensive description of the situation from the viewpoint of Mr. Ron Bratton. NMED is forwarding this letter to you in order that both KAFB and NMED are in possession of the same set of information regarding this case.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Bruce Swanton of my staff at (505) 827-2898.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Benito Garcia".

Benito Garcia, Chief  
Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau (HRWB)

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cc: Tracy Hughes, Office of General Counsel  
Col. Jack A. Martines, KAFB

