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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Bernalillo County/Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB)
Environmental Working Group Meeting

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1. Place: Los Vecinos Community Center, Tijeras, New Mexico
2. Date: 21 February 1992
3. Chairperson: Ms Ann Newsted, The East Mountain Alliance (TEMA)
4. Introductions/Approval of Minutes. Ms Newsted called the meeting to order at 1005. She asked for corrections and additions to the minutes of the 18 November 1991 meeting. It was noted that Ms Kathy Leyendecker was incorrectly noted as working for Senator Domenici's office instead of Congressman Schiff's. Later in the meeting, it was noted that in paragraph 7, last sentence, the first three words should read "KAFB's report is" rather than "Both are". The minutes were approved as corrected. The attendance list is attachment 1.
5. Ms Newsted brought up Department of Energy's (DOE) request for changes to the agenda since items 4, 5, and the DOE part of 7 were to be covered at the DOE meeting at 1300 at the Radisson Inn. Discussion of pro's and con's followed, resulting in the agenda remaining as distributed. Several members of the group, Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP), Mountainview Advisory Council (MVAC), and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) objected to holding two separate meetings and requiring attendance at both thereby consuming most of the day. Ms Sue Umshler (DOE) said she would respond to questions on DOE's activities to the extent possible. This meeting lasted until 1200 and DOE's meeting ran from 1300-1500.
6. Mr Paul Robinson of the Southwest Research and Information Center (SWRIC) asked for a summary of the working meeting held by the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board on 8 January 1992. The subject was the Air Quality Control Board's Regulation 3 requiring a permit for open burning. Mr Harry Davidson had attended and outlined the meeting due to no member of the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department being present. The Air Quality Control Board requested that their staff prepare proposed revisions to Regulation 3. Considerable



interest was expressed for providing more public input during the process of issuing these permits. Suggestions were for public notice, public hearing, and/or public comments, and staff review of comments prior to the Air Quality Control Board's action on these permits.

7. The New Mexico Legislature had passed a bill permitting the establishment of a new county to be formed from the southern portion of Bernalillo County (Atch 2). The bill will have to be signed/vetoed by the Governor. A referendum involving the citizens in this area would also be required. The impact of this bill on the Working Group, Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board, and the new county was discussed.

8. Items 3 and 4 of the agenda related to the Open Burn Permit of light-sensitive explosives at DOE/SNL facility.

a. Ms Sue Umshler (DOE) stated that only gram quantities of explosives generated at this site will be destroyed. However, a significant amount of water is mixed with explosives for safety reasons and is included in the disposal data reported.

b. Mr Herb Grover (NMED) stated that the storage unit is now under Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part A and Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA) permit for DOE/SNL. The public hearing on DOE's permit is scheduled for 20 March 1992 at 0900 in Smith-Brasher Hall of the Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute (T-VI) on University Boulevard S.E.

9. Agenda Item 5 was Hazardous Waste Reduction Report for KAFB's 1991 activities. Mr Walter Darr (KAFB/EM) outlined some of KAFB's activities as presented in the Annual Waste Minimization Plan Report. Copies had been sent to the organizations of the Environmental Working Group. Ms Barbara Driscoll of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region VI, Dallas, Texas, brought three additional copies for interested meeting attendees.

10. Agenda Item 6 was Nitrate and Other Waste Levels detected in the KAFB western perimeter well.

a. Mr John Gould (KAFB/EM) noted that for the second time no solvents were detected in the West Arroyo well, but that additional work in the area is planned. Mr Gould also stated that nitrates were again detected in the NMED well at the west base boundary, indicating that nitrates are moving eastward toward the base. Mr Gould noted that the funding for the Tijeras Arroyo soil characterization project has been obtained. A contractor has been selected and work is projected to start in March 1992. The results of these soil samplings and those from the Appendix I of the RCRA Part B Permit are due to the EPA Region VI by October 1992.

b. Ms Barbara Driscoll (EPA) was introduced. Ms Driscoll is Mr Richard Mayer's replacement for the Part B Permit oversight.

c. Mr Gould noted that funding for the closure task for the KAFB Sewage Lagoons and the Golf Course Pond has been requested. Upon receipt of funding, an Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence Contractor will perform the tasks described in the closure plans for these sites.

11. Agenda Item 7 was Mission Changes for KAFB and DOE/SNL.

a. Inquiries were made by Mr Michael Guerrero (SWOP) about closure of the Manzano Base and the operation of the Kirtland Underground Munitions Storage Complex (KUMSC). Mr George Pearce (KAFB/PA) noted that no mission change was involved with either site at this time.

b. Ms Laraine Hofstetter (SWOP/MVAC) asked if the city had passed its sewer regulation to permit radioactive wastes to be introduced into the City's sewer treatment plant and if KAFB would discharge such wastes from the Inhalation Toxicology Research Institute (ITRI). Major Marcia Kurtz (KAFB/JA) stated that KAFB was preparing a reply to the City of Albuquerque's Solid Waste Division's questionnaire.

12. Agenda Item 8 was Current Status of the U. S. Forest Service (USFS) land withdrawn by KAFB and SNL. Ranger Floyd Thompson (USFS) briefed that the USFS was satisfied that all the land currently in the withdrawal area is under continued use by KAFB and DOE. The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM), Santa Fe office, is in charge of the renewal process and any further inquiries should be directed to BLM. The firebreak being constructed by the USFS is proceeding on schedule. Mr Thompson was asked whether DOE was funding most of the firebreak. He stated that he would discuss it with Ms Newsted if the subject was not brought up in the DOE's program during the afternoon meeting.

13. General Comments. Ms Kathy Leyendecker from Congressman Steve Schiff's office noted that this had been a very productive meeting. Mr Guerrero (SWOP) noted that the Environmental Working Group was now one year old. Major Kurtz (KAFB/JA) announced that KAFB's RCRA Part B Permit appeal had been settled out of court on 4 February 1992 just prior to oral argument set by the New Mexico Court of Appeals.

14. The next meeting of the Environmental Working Group will be hosted by KAFB. The date is 21 May 1992 at 0900. The place will be announced in the agenda for the meeting. Submission of agenda items should be made to Mr Harry Davidson, 542 CTW/EM, KAFB, New Mexico 87117 before 20 April 1992. Mr Guerrero suggested it may be beneficial for each organization to prepare an evaluation of the Environmental Working Group's first year accomplishments.

15. The meeting was adjourned by Ms Newsted at 1200.



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1. Attendance List
2. Senate Bill 106 for New County (Title page only)
3. Analytical Results for West Arroyo Well & Well K

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