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April 19, 1994

Dear Concerned Citizen,

Enclosed are a fact sheet and legal notice for a hazardous waste treatment draft Permit that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) proposes for the U.S. Department of Defense, Kirtland Air Force Base for an Open Detonation (OD) Unit.

Copies of the draft Permit are available for review at:

**NMED Hazardous and
Radioactive Materials Bureau,**
525 Camino de los Marquez,
Suite # 4, P.O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502
Mondays through Fridays
from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Albuquerque Main Library
501 Copper Avenue, NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays,
and Saturdays from 9:00 am to
5:30 pm, and on Tuesdays and
Thursdays from 12:30 pm to 9:00 pm

If you wish to make comments on this draft Permit, they must be in writing and be received by the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau at the address mentioned above no later than **June 5, 1994.**

If you have any questions regarding this draft Permit, please contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at (505) 827-4308 or at the Santa Fe address given above.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hoditschek
Program Manager
RCRA Permit Section
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

Enclosures (2)

cc: William Honker (EPA, 6H-P)
File-Red, 1994.

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April 21, 1994

DRAFT EXPLOSIVE OPEN DETONATION PERMIT
FACT SHEET

for the

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE
EXPLOSIVE OPEN DETONATION UNIT
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Activities: Explosive Open Detonation thermal treatment (destruction) of waste munitions at the Department of Defense/Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act.

Facility Name: U.S. Department of Defense
Kirtland Air Force Base

EPA I.D. No.: NM9570024423

Location: The KAFB facility is located in Bernalillo County, southeast of the Manzano Base, northcentral New Mexico, 10 miles (16 km) from the southern perimeter of KAFB.

Unit Purpose: The objective of the work to be conducted under this Permit is to thermally treat reactive wastes in the form of bulk explosives, damaged, defective, or expired munitions.

Unit Description: The Open Detonation (OD) range consists of a cleared area 3750 feet (1143 meters) in diameter. The area will be surrounded by a three-strand barbed wire fence. At the center of the cleared area is the detonation pit that is 200 feet (61 meters) long and 40 feet (12 meters) wide. KAFB plans to detonate up to 100,000 pounds (45,351 kilograms) of waste munitions per calendar year at the OD range.

**Draft Permit
Availability:**

A copy of the draft Permit is available for public review at: **The Albuquerque Main Library, 501 Copper Avenue, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102** (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 pm to 9:00 pm); and at **The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB), 525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite # 4, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502** (Mondays through Fridays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm). Requests for hearing should include a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must include the requestor's name and address. Only comments and requests for hearing received by **June 5, 1994** will be considered. The NMED will publish a thirty day (30) notice of a public hearing, if scheduled.

**Final
Decision:**

All comments received on the draft Permit during the public comment period will be considered in reaching a final Permit approval decision. The NMED will notify KAFB and each person who submitted a written comment, of any changes made in finalizing the Permit.



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LEGAL NOTICE # 59

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS BUREAU
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

April 22, 1994

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PERMIT AN EXPLOSIVE OPEN DETONATION UNIT

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The HSWA impose additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities which will be administrated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until the State of New Mexico receives additional authorization for those requirements.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act NMSA 1978 §74-4-1 et. seq. (Repl.Pamp. 1993) as amended, 1989, and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-7), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) can approve or deny permit applications. NMED has received a permit application submitted by the **Department of Defense (DOD)/Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB)**, **EPA I.D. Number NM9570042243**, for an Explosive Open detonation Unit.

KAFB is a contractor-operated Open detonation facility located in the Albuquerque metro area.

The Administrative Record for this permit application consists of the permit application, a fact sheet, and related correspondence.

The administrative record may be reviewed at:

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To obtain a copy of the Administrative Record or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, please contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas at the above Santa Fe address or call (505) 827-4308.

An informal public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 1994, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Kirtland Air Force Base Wing Conference Center, Building 20604. The building is located on Wyoming Boulevard, about 2 miles south of Central Avenue, at the intersection with M Street on the east side, opposite the National Atomic Museum. At this meeting, a HRMB staff member will be available to provide the public with additional information on the proposed permit. Everyone is invited to attend this informational meeting. All interested members of the public who wish to drive to attend this meeting are required to have a valid driver's license and proof of vehicle insurance for each driver of each vehicle entering KAFB premises, in order to be allowed entrance to the KAFB by the Base security personnel. Access to the KAFB meeting auditorium is also possible by Suntran buses, for those who might choose this option.

Any person who wishes to comment upon the draft permit or to request a public hearing should submit written comments and requests, along with the commentor's name and address, to the Santa Fe address. Requests for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and the name and address of the commenter. Only comments and/or requests received by **June 6, 1994** will be considered. NMED will provide a thirty (30) day notice of a public hearing, if scheduled.

NMED must ensure that the approved draft permit is consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for permits. All written comments submitted on the draft permit will be considered in formulating a final decision. NMED may modify the draft permit based on the comments received. NMED will notify KAFB and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period of the final decision.

After consideration of all written comments received, NMED will approve, or modify and approve the draft permit. If NMED modifies and approves the draft permit, then NMED shall provide KAFB with a detailed written statement of reasons for the modification and the modified draft permit will become the approved permit. A copy of the modified permit with a detailed statement of the reasons for the modifications will be mailed to KAFB.