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Dear Ms. Ortiz:

Please publish the enclosed legal notice in your May 12, 1994 newspapers. Please return a copy of the notice as published with a certificate of date published. Address the bill to:

Ms. Lydia Gonzales
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P.O. Box 26110
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Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steve Zappe at (505) 827-4308.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Hoditschek".

Barbara Hoditschek, RCRA Permits Program Manager
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

Enclosure

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 67

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

May 12, 1994

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE
POST-CLOSURE PLAN
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE
EPA NO. NM9570024423

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 before the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The HSWA imposes additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities that will be administered 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 (Section 74-4-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978, as amended, 1989) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-7), the New Mexico Environment Department can approve or disapprove closure/post-closure plans. The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) proposes that the Department approve the post-closure plan submitted by Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB), Albuquerque, New Mexico, EPA I.D. No. NM9570024423, for the sewage lagoons and golf course main pond. The units proposed for post-closure care are presently closed under RCRA interim status.

KAFB constructed two sewage lagoons and the golf course main pond in 1962 as part of a water conservation system. The lagoons treated raw sewage collected from the southeast quadrant of KAFB until October 1987. Depending upon irrigation needs at the KAFB golf course, 40 to 100 percent of untreated base sewage was routed to the lagoons and the pond from April to October of each year. From November to March, all base sewage was routed to the Albuquerque municipal sewage treatment facilities, and the KAFB lagoons were unused. The liquid in the lagoons evaporated by January 1989. KAFB filed for clean closure of both sites on August 12, 1993, but NMED denied clean closure because chromium (Cr) in some ground-water samples collected from wells at each site exceeded regulatory limits. NMED required KAFB to address the issue of Cr in the ground-water samples in its post-closure plan.

The proposed post-closure plan includes two phases. Phase I activities require additional sampling and analysis for Cr. This includes collection and analysis of sludge samples from the sewage lagoons, and quarterly ground-water sampling from wells at each

site. Phase II activities to further define or remediate Cr contamination will depend upon results from Phase I activities. Any Cr contamination at these units will be removed or decontaminated to concentrations that will not harm human health and the environment. If KAFB can prove clean closure standards have been met, NMED will grant clean closure and require no further post-closure activities for these units.

The administrative record for this proposed decision consists of the post-closure plan, a fact sheet, and related correspondence. You may review the administrative record weekdays between 8 am and 5 pm at the **NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, Marquez Place, 525 Camino de los Marquez, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502.** You may review the post-closure plan and fact sheet during normal business hours at the **Albuquerque Main Public Library, 501 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.** To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, contact Mr. Steve Zappe at the above Santa Fe address or call (505) 827-4308.

The public is invited to attend an informal **informational meeting** scheduled for Thursday, **May 19, 1994**, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute campus, Smith Brasher Hall, room 102. The building is located at 717 University SE, on the SW corner of University and Cole. A HRMB staff member will be available at the meeting to provide additional information on the proposed post-closure plan.

Any person wanting to comment upon the proposed plan or to request a public hearing should submit written comments or requests, along with their name and address, to the above Santa Fe address. Requests for a public hearing should state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Only comments and/or requests received by **June 13, 1994** will be considered.

NMED will consider all written comments submitted on the proposed plan in formulating a final decision, and may modify the post-closure plan based on those comments. NMED will notify KAFB, and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period, of the final decision or of any public hearing which may be scheduled.

If, after consideration of all written comments, this proposed action becomes the final decision, NMED will issue to KAFB final approval for the proposed post-closure plan. The final approval will require that post-closure activities be conducted according to applicable State and Federal laws and with the terms approved in the post-closure plan. If KAFB proves clean closure of these units, NMED will grant clean closure and require no further post-closure activities for these units.