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June 29, 1994

Mr. Christopher DeWitt
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Dear Mr. DeWitt:

RE: Review of activities associated with KAFB decorative golf course ponds

The New Mexico Environment Department's Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) has reviewed your letter dated June 1, 1994, requesting approval for certain activities associated with the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) decorative golf course ponds. HRMB granted clean closure and terminated interim status for the golf course unit on March 29, 1993, following receipt of a "no further action" document and certification of clean closure from KAFB. KAFB has since reactivated the golf course and decorative ponds.

HRMB has no authority to approve or deny activities at former RCRA units which have been granted clean closure and returned to service. However, HRMB is concerned about any activities which may negatively impact other RCRA units such as the Golf Course Main Pond (GCMP), which is currently undergoing interim status post-closure care.

KAFB must ensure that lining the decorative golf course ponds with an impervious geotextile, filling them with potable water, and allowing any storm water overflow to drain into the arroyo where the GCMP is located will not negatively impact post-closure activities there. KAFB should inform HRMB about any activities which may divert other water to the GCMP or otherwise affect post-closure care.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please contact Steve Zappe of my staff 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

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cc: Steve Zappe, HRMB
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Dear Mr. Zappe

As a follow-up to our 20 May 94 telephone conversation, this letter is to inform you of the reactivation of the decorative golf course ponds at Kirtland AFB. This unit was granted clean closure in 1992, with permission to return them to service. Since that time, the ponds have been lined with an impervious geotextile and filled with potable water.

As part of the design, the ponds drain onto the ground surface below the tops of the liners, which prevents damage to the liners from fluctuating water surface elevations.

The storm water runoff on the course, as always, flows into the arroyo where the golf course main pond is located. The design of the decorative pond liners does not impact the volume and or velocity of storm water runoff from the golf course, and may actually reduce the volume when runoff events correspond with low pond levels.

As mentioned in our conversation, I am requesting your approval of these activities, as long as no additional water is actually diverted into the main pond.

Please contact me at 846-2773/0053 if you have any questions.

Sincerely


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