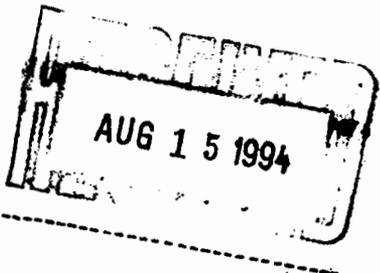
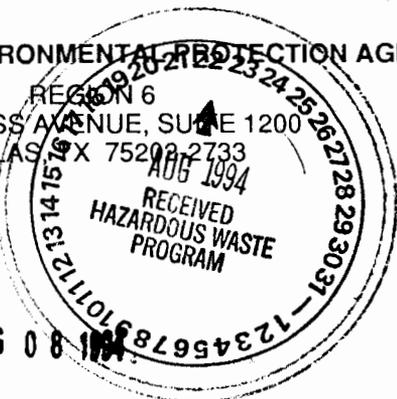




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Dear Colonel Norris:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your July 25, 1994 letter concerning the Trestle Facility and your request to treat the facility as a Solid Waste Management Unit. The EPA concurs with your evaluation that this facility should be added to your RCRA/HSWA permit as a SWMU. However, the EPA cannot approve your sampling plan until the following points are clarified:

1. Is the site currently operational? If so, is the site still used for electromagnetic pulse testing of aircraft, or has the site use changed since Orion International Technologies assumed operation of the site?
2. What measures will be taken to confirm or deny the existence of the underground storage tank by the Aircraft Pit? If located, does Kirtland propose to remove or test the tank?
3. It is not clear on Figure 1.2 if there is a concrete apron or channel that directs spill flow into the Aircraft Pit. Please provide cross-sectional drawings and photographs of the Trestle Facility to help clarify Figures 1.1 and 1.2.
4. Please provide a vicinity map locating the Trestle Facility in relation to other SWMUs and the Tijeras Arroyo.
5. Kirtland should explain the rationale behind sampling around the perimeter of the Vehicle Pit and the Aircraft Pit, as opposed to sampling under or through the Pits.

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Please contact Nancy R. Morlock of my staff at (214) 665-6650 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely yours,


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