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Dear Mr. Neleigh

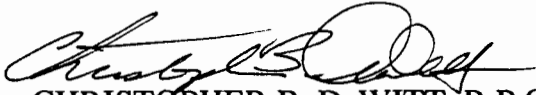
In response to your 8 August 1994 letter in which you requested clarification on our sampling plan for the new SWMU, Trestle Facility, we provide the following:

- a. Orion International Technologies operates the site in a caretaker status for the White Sands Missile Range. There are no plans to continue electromagnetic pulse tests at this facility.
- b. We assumed fuel was stored in a UST as aircraft were refueled on the pad adjacent to the emergency fuel spill pit. We conducted an additional records search and interviews, and learned fuel trucks were used for refueling the aircraft. Therefore, an underground storage tank was not required.
- c. An asphalt apron directed fuel spills into the pit. We have included photographs of the aircraft pit and vehicle maintenance rack at Attachment 1.
- d. At Attachment 2 is a vicinity map illustrating the location of the Trestle Facility in relation to other SWMUs.
- e. Both pits are of relatively recent construction and contain no visible cracks or other sources of release. We will place the soil borings immediately adjacent to the concrete sides of the pits. If a release occurred from the bottom of either pit, it should be detected in boreholes adjacent to the sides. Also, as can be seen in the photographs, access into the concrete pit is limited.



Please contact me at (505) 846-2773/0053 if you have any questions.

Sincerely



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Attachments:

1. Photographs
2. Map

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