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Ms. Nancy Morlock, Environmental Engineer
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Dear Ms. Morlock

On 23 August 1994, we notified you of a potential SWMU--three abandoned mine shafts located on the southeast portion of the base, south of the EOD range. These mines originally were fluorite mines operated in the early 1940s; all three exhibit post-mining activity that may have resulted in release of contaminants to the environment.

We are required to submit a SWMU Assessment Report (SAR) by 21 November 1994. Lack of FY94 funds and delays in receiving FY95 funds have precluded us from sampling at this site to support any conclusions or recommendations which may have been included in the SAR.

We propose to investigate this site as part of the Appendix V Stage 2E RFI, due to your office 31 December 1995. We'll submit a detailed field sampling plan for this site, as well as the other Appendix V sites, prior to the start of field activities. We will conduct all work following the Stage 2C work plan guidelines.

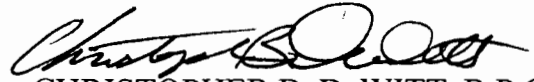
We ask that this site *not* be added to our permit as a SWMU until we can make a determination based on RFI results.

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

Sincerely



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