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HEADQUARTERS 377TH AIR BASE WING (AFMC)

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30 Jan 95

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Barbara Hoditschek
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Ms Hoditschek

An emergency detonation was performed at the Department of Energy (DOE) Inhalation Toxicology Research Institute (ITRI) on 27 Jan 95 at 1545 (3:45pm). The detonation consisted of destroying 8 oz of crystallized picric acid with 2 pounds of C-4 explosives. Personnel from the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) flight performed the detonation. KAFB informed Cornelius Amindyas of your office of the emergency prior to the detonation. Mr. Amindyas gave the verbal authorization and requested that KAFB follow up with a written account of the event. This letter fulfills the request.

Has the DOE informed the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that this detonation has occurred at their facility? The KAFB EOD flight is obligated by memorandums of agreement (MOU) to respond to such emergencies. However, KAFB feels that since this is a DOE facility that they should be the organization that informs NMED of the who, what, where, when, and why. KAFB will continue to inform NMED of such occurrences as to maintain the excellent communications between our respective organizations.

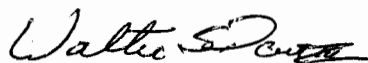
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If you have any questions, please contact Terry Cooper at 846-0007.

Respectfully

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WALTER S. DARR III

Chief Compliance

Environmental Management