

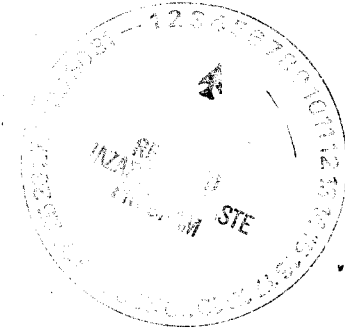


DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 377TH AIR BASE WING (AFMG)

BARBARA H
RON K

ORIGINAL HAS BEEN FILED
5/8/95

1 May 1995



IV

377 ABW/EMR
2000 Wyoming Blvd SE
Kirtland AFB NM 87117-5659

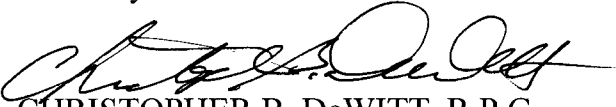
Mr. Steve Pullen, DSMOA
Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
525 Camino de los Marquez, Ste 4
Santa Fe NM 87501

Dear Mr. Pullen

Attached is our notice to U.S. EPA Region 6 of a Class I modification to the Kirtland AFB RCRA Part B Permit. A Class I modification allows the base to add or move sites in the permit without public hearing.

In mid-April 1995, we notified EPA of two potential Solid Waste Management Units (SWMU), RW-68, Drum Storage Area, and SS-69, Radium Dump/Slag Piles. In late April 1995, the EPA directed us to add these sites to Appendix IV of our permit.

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

Sincerely

CHRISTOPHER B. DeWITT, R.P.G.
Chief, Restoration Branch
Environmental Management Division

Attachment:
Notice of Class I Modification





DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 377TH AIR BASE WING (AFMC)
CERTIFIED MAIL: Z 106 120 478
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

1 May 1995

377 ABW/EMR
2000 Wyoming Blvd SE
Kirtland AFB NM 87117-5659

Mr. William K. Honker, P.E.
Chief, RCRA Permits Branch
U.S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Ave, Ste 1200
Dallas TX 75202-2733

Dear Mr. Honker

This letter constitutes a Notice of Class I Modification to the Kirtland Air Force Base RCRA Part B Permit.

In an 18 April 1995 letter, we notified your office of two potential SWMUs, SS-69, Drum Storage Area, and RW-68, Radium Dump/Slag Piles:

a. Site SS-69 is located within the fenced area of INWS Training Site 6. The site once held drums containing thorium oxide sludge and, later, drums containing hazardous wastes. The Compliance staff treated the area as a spill site, and initiated sampling and drum removal. However, no subsurface soil sampling was conducted and the Restoration staff has observed soil contamination at the site.

b. Site RW-68 consists of at least 10 slag piles, some of which are radioactive and contain cadmium, lead, and selenium above regulated TCLP levels. Included in RW-68 is the nearby Sandia National Laboratories site ER-61B, Cratering Area South of Schoolhouse Mesa, for which Kirtland AFB is accepting remediation responsibility. Aircraft were subjected to endurance tests at the cratering area, then transported to the slag pile area for incineration.

In a 27 April 1995 letter, Mr. David Neleigh directed us to add these sites to Appendix IV of our permit. We are adding them to Appendix IV-3, Stage 2D-3. We will submit site-specific plans by 31 May 1995, and will submit the RFI report by 31 December 1996. We have attached a revised Module IV list for Appendix IV.

APPENDIX IV

APPENDIX IV-1

<u>SWMU #</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
6-30	Radioactive Burial Site #11 (RB-11)
6-A	Radioactive Burial Site #7 (RB-7)

APPENDIX IV-2

6-A	Radioactive Holding Tanks RB-4, RB-5, RB-6, RB-8, RB-9
-----	--

APPENDIX IV-3

RW-68	Radium Dump/Slag Piles
SS-69	Drum Storage Area