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Ms. Nancy Morlock
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Dear Ms. Morlock

I am writing to request that the detonation pits at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Range (IRP Site OT-29, SWMU 6-19) be removed from the corrective action schedule of Module IV of the KAFB HSWA Permit. The detonation pits were formerly used to dispose of ordnance material, including magnesium flares, percussion grenades, ammunition boxes, firearms and other contraband. Kirtland currently operates a newly constructed open burn unit adjacent to the detonation pits. The old pits were filled with clean soil from the site of the new treatment unit to prevent ponding, infiltration and erosion from stormwater.

The unit is regulated as a thermal treatment unit under 40 CFR 265 Subpart X. Kirtland is currently applying for a RCRA Part B Permit to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for the operation of this unit. The permit application includes a closure plan for the unit which addresses the characterization and remediation of the detonation pits as part of the closure for the thermal treatment unit. The closure plan is attached for your review.

The NMED has forwarded the entire permit application to the Region 6 office for review and comment. The public comment period for the permit application ends on 29 May 95. If you have any comments on the closure plan please forward them to us as soon as possible so they can be considered in the permit application process.

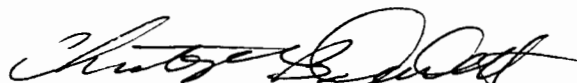
As an active, permitted facility, site restoration is required upon closure. The SWMU should therefore be removed from the corrective action schedule as defined for Appendix I, Module IV, of the KAFB HSWA Permit.

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Please contact me at 505-846-0053 if you have any questions.

Sincerely



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Chief, Restoration Branch
Environmental Management Division

Attachment:
Closure Plan

cc:
377 ABW/EMC (Mr. Cooper)
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