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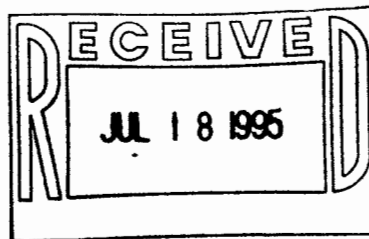


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Dear Ms. Hoditschek

The purpose of this letter is to confirm Air Force ownership of the Manzano bunkers at Kirtland Air Force Base. The Air Force authorized the Department of Energy (DOE), through a real estate permit, the use of several bunkers in the Manzano Area.

We recently learned that DOE submitted a Hazardous Waste Permit, Part A and B, to the New Mexico Environment Department to permit RCRA mixed waste storage at several facilities, including the Manzano bunkers. No coordination with Kirtland Air Force Base was made prior to submittal of the permit application. DOE personnel signed the applications as the owner. In our opinion, DOE does not possess the legal authority to sign as the owner of the Manzano bunker and Kirtland Air Force Base should have signed as owner (40 CFR 270.10(b)).

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Walter S. Darr III at (505) 846-5037

Respectfully


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