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Mr. Benito Garcia, Bureau Chief
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Dear Mr. Garcia:

In a letter dated November 27, 1995, Mr. George Laskar, Department of Energy (DOE), Kirtland Area Office, and Lieutenant Colonel Scott Streifert, 377th Air Base Wing, Environmental Management, replied to your request for clarification and resolution of issues surrounding ownership status and operating responsibilities for facilities located and activities conducted on Kirtland Air Force Base. Specifically, our staffs developed an approach to environmental responsibility and permitting for Kirtland Air Force Base. We have now reviewed their proposal and agree that an operator or activity-based approach for all media is an appropriate course of action given our respective land ownership and activities.

In sum, under our proposal DOE will be responsible for environmental compliance and environmental permitting for activities owned and operated by DOE and its contractors within the confines of Kirtland Air Force Base, to include activities conducted on land held under a real estate permit from the Department of the Air Force. DOE would sign as the owner and the operator on all environmental permit applications. The Manager of DOE's Albuquerque Operations Office, or the Area Manager at DOE's Kirtland Area Office as his designee, would act as the responsible party. The Department of the Air Force, by and through the 377th Air Base Wing, would take responsibility for environmental compliance and environmental permitting for activities owned and operated by the Air Force and all entities, other than DOE, associated with Kirtland Air Force Base, to include activities conducted on land held under a real estate permit from DOE. The 377th Air Base Wing would sign as the owner and operator on all environmental permit applications. The installation commander would act as the responsible party.

We have enclosed a map which displays DOE and Air Force activity areas for your use. Our concurrence with the approach presented by our staff in the November 1995 letter and the enclosed map should satisfy the deficiency (Deficiency 1) in the Igloo 6007 and Magazine 6011 closure plan identified by the New Mexico Environment Department to DOE on February 9, 1996.

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Mr. Garcia

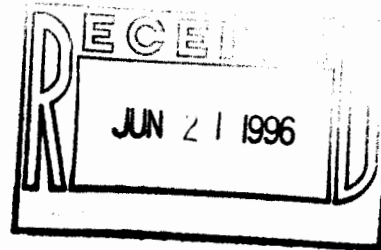
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call either Mr. George Laskar at (505) 845-6869 or Major David Martin at (505) 846-2751. We are pleased that DOE and the Air Force have reached agreement on this approach, and we look forward to working with your office as we implement it.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

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- DOE Activities
- DOE and Air Force Activities
- Air Force Activities
- DOE Waste Management Facilities
- Kirtland Air Force Base Military Reservation Boundary

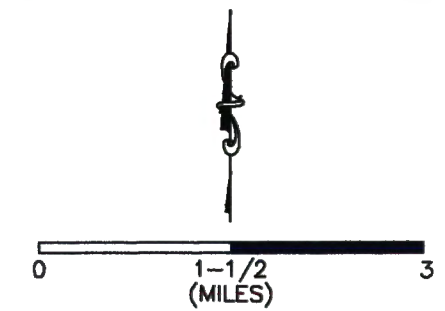


Figure 1
Kirtland Federal Complex
DOE/Air Force Activity Map

(Source: SNL, 1995)

City of Albuquerque

Areas I, II
and IV

Manzano
Area

Areas III
and V

Withdrawn Area

Mesa Del Sol

Isleta Reservation

Isleta Reservation

