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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
Hazardous and Radioactive Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Garcia

This is to advise you of two abandoned cesspools in KAFB's Blast Over Pressure (BOP) Area. One cesspool was associated with Building 29042 and is situated approximately 25 feet northeast of SWMU 10-21, IRP Site ST-323 (Appendix III RFI, October, 1995). The second cesspool is located about 60 feet north of the first cesspool and was associated with a building that was demolished in the 1960s.

We will bore through the cesspools and collect soil samples for analysis. This field work will be performed in conjunction with the Appendix III Phase 2 RFI, which will soon get underway. We propose to incorporate the sampling results in this RFI in lieu of submitting a SWMU Assessment Report (SAR).

In addition to the cesspools near Building 29042, above, two abandoned cesspools that served Building 29051 are located in the septic tank leach field at SWMU 10-21, IRP Site ST-324. The septic tank replaced the cesspool and was installed in 1990. This septic tank was investigated as an Appendix III Wasteline Site; the RFI was submitted to EPA and NMED in October, 1995. Results of the investigation indicated there was no contaminant release and the site was recommended for no further action. Since the cesspools were located in a leach field that shows no evidence of contamination, we believe no additional investigation is necessary at this site. ✓

Please contact Mr. Jerry Sillerud, (505) 846-9004, if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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