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 3 Jul 96

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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
 Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
 NM Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Garcia

We are reporting an area we believe may be the source of a release into the environment. After in-house review of proposed projects involving the removal and grading of the abandoned railroad tracks on base, concerns were raised by compliance and restoration staff regarding the potential for encountering hazardous waste related to the construction and use of the railroad, especially in the off-loading and storage areas.

Although there are no official records or data to substantiate some unconfirmed reports, there may be areas on and adjacent to the tracks where chemicals leaked, spilled, or were disposed of as herbicides or dust control.

As you know, our budget process precludes funding of an adequate SWMU assessment report (SAR) for submittal within the 90-day requirement in Module IV of our RCRA Part B Permit. We are, therefore, requesting you set the due date for the SAR at 15 Feb 97. We will seek FY97 environmental compliance funds to perform a RFA at this site in order to determine if there has been a release.

Please advise us as soon as possible if you agree with this proposal. My point of contact is Harry Davidson, (505) 846-9002 (fax: (505) 853-0540).

Sincerely

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 Environmental Management Division

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