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July 19, 1996

Mr. Walter S. Darr III,  
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Environmental Management Division  
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**RE: Class II Permit Modification Approval for:**

- (1) **Container Storage Unit**  
EPA I.D. Number: NM9570024423-1
- (2) **Open Detonation Treatment Unit**  
EPA I.D. Number: NM9570024423-OD

Dear Mr. Darr:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) has completed review of the US Department of the Air Force, Kirtland Air Force Base's (KAFB) Class II Modification in sampling frequencies for (1) the Container Storage Unit, and (2) the Open Detonation Treatment Unit. In your request for modification you indicated in your letters of December 11, 1995 and January 11, 1996 that the changes you wished to effect were mainly modifications in sampling frequencies both for the Container Storage (CS) Unit and Open Detonation (OD) Treatment Unit. NMED understood that your request for modification in sampling frequency were due to KAFB's current budget restraints. NMED therefore tentatively modified and approved a semi-annual soil sampling and analysis (SAP) frequency, subject to public review. NMED explained that the rationale for requiring KAFB to conduct semi-annual SAP was, because it will be easier for KAFB to trace the migration of contaminant constituents from the results of semi-annual, than from annual soil SAP.

KAFB promulgated a 60 day public comment period from April 1, 1996 to May 31, 1996 as required by 20 NMAC 4.1, Subpart IX, 40 CFR §270.(b)(2-5). NMED received no comments from the public during the 60 day public comment period.

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Based upon the above explanation, NMED hereby approves the KAFB Class II permit modification for semi-annual sampling frequencies for both the Container Storage Area and the Open Detonation Treatment Unit.

The effective date of the approval is your date of receipt of this letter. The changes made to the Container Storage and Open Detonation operational permits are shown on the first five (5) sheets of the attached pages. The corrected portions of the permit text, with the modifications incorporated can be found on the last eight (8) sheets. These changes have been incorporated into the KAFB permit texts of July 27, 1990, and April 21, 1994, **EPA ID #: NM9570042243-OD and NM9570042243-1** respectively. You are required to incorporate the enclosed copies of the permit modification into KAFB's copies of the operational Open Detonation Treatment Unit and the Container Storage Unit Permits originally issued by NMED.

If you have any questions on this matter you may contact either Barbara Hoditschek or Cornelius Amindyas at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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Director, Water and Waste Management Division

Enclosures

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