

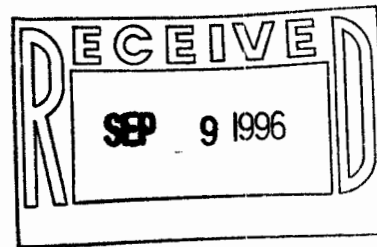


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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
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Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a review of the March 1996 report entitled "Background Concentrations of Constituents of Concern to the Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico Environmental Restoration Project and the Kirtland Air Force Base Installation Restoration Program" and offers the attached comments. EPA recommends that a Notice of Deficiency be issued jointly to Sandia National Laboratories and Kirtland Air Force Base.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Nancy Morlock of my staff at (214) 665-6650.

Sincerely yours,

David W. Neleigh, Chief
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Enclosure

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