



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6  
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200  
DALLAS, TX 75202-2733

OCT 16 1996



*Jerry B -  
Phase 1 -  
Is this a  
single clean up  
that could be RFA  
or other approach  
to clean up w/  
RFA by?  
buy off?  
[Signature]*

Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2044A Galisteo Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the September 21, 1996, notification letter from Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) concerning a 6 foot by 12 foot area of stained soil located adjacent to the west side of Building 381. KAFB has determined through an inspection that contamination is present at this site. KAFB proposes to investigate the site during the Appendix III Phase 2 RFI and incorporate the results in the Appendix III Phase 2 RFI Report instead of submitting a Solid Waste Management Unit (SMWU) Assessment Report.

The EPA agrees with the proposal to investigate the site during the Appendix III Phase 2 RFI. However, EPA recommends that approval of this approach be granted only after the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) review and approval of a detailed sampling plan. The EPA further recommends that KAFB initiate a Class 1 permit modification to add this site to its HSWA permit as a SWMU.

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

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*  
David W. Neleigh, Chief  
New Mexico - Federal  
Facilities Section

cc: Mr. Steve Pullen  
New Mexico Environment Department

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