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Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87117

RE: Request for Extension of RFI Report Submittal for SWMUs RW-68 and SS-69, And for SWMU Assessment Report (SAR)

Dear Mr. DeWitt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) received Kirtland Air Force's (KAFB) letters requesting extensions for:

- (a) RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Report submittal for SWMUs RW-68 and SS-69 until December 31, 1997; and
- (b) Submittal of SWMU Assessment Report on the abandoned railroad tracks on KAFB by February 15, 1997.

In your request for extension for SWMUs RW-68 and SS-69 you explained in your letter of May 28, 1996 that you had identified the RFI as a high priority project in your FY96 budget, but it fell below the KAFB funding cutoff. This resulted in delay of the RFI Report compilation and submittal to the NMED by KAFB.

With regards to the SAR, you explained in your letter of July 3, 1996, that the extension would give you enough time to apply for FY97 funds to perform RFA at and adjacent to the railroad tracks to determine if there has been a release of chemicals that were disposed of as herbicides or used for dust control.

Based upon the reasons given above, the NMED hereby grants KAFB the extension to December 31, 1997 to submit to HRMB, the completed RFI Report on SWMUs RW-68 and SS-69, including related field data, **no later than December 31, 1997**. Further, extension is granted to KAFB to submit the SAR to the NMED **by February 15, 1997**.

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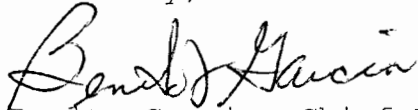


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Failure by KAFB to submit the RFI Report and SAR to the NMED by these dates will be grounds for termination of KAFB's Permit in accordance with 20 NMAC 4.1.900 incorporating 40 CFR §270.43(a)(1); since this will be in violation of KAFB's Permit issued in 1984, [(Module IV), Page 8, Permit Condition D (Standard Conditions), the fourth paragraph].

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Cornelius Amindyas or Steve Pullen of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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cc: David Neleigh, Chief, EPA Region VI (6PD-N)
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