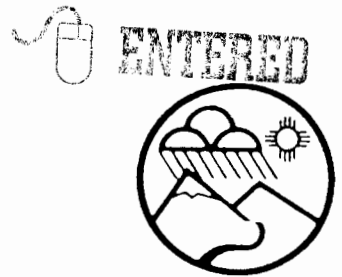




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**RE: Closure Plan of Building 615
EPA ID No. NM9570024423**

Dear Mr. Darr:

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed for administrative completeness and technical adequacy, the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) July 2, 1996 Closure Plan for Building 615 as required under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations.

After reviewing the Closure Plan, NMED has found it to be administratively complete and technically adequate. NMED therefore advises KAFB to proceed with the closure activities for Building 615 as per the Approved Closure Plan that was part of the Hazardous Waste Permit that NMED issued to KAFB on July 24, 1990.

If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas at (505) 827-1561. Thank you for participating in our permitting process.

Sincerely,

Ed Kelley, Ph.D., Director
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