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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
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Dear Mr. Garcia:

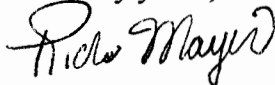
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for Solid Waste Management Unit 6-30, Radioactive Burial 11, dated May 19, 1997. EPA recommends approval of the Sampling and Analysis Plan with one modification: KAFB should submit a detailed project schedule for the investigation of this site (no project schedule was submitted with the SAP).

The SAP describes the proposed investigation of Radioactive Burial Site 11 (RB11), which consists of nine trenches used in the 1960's for the disposal of animal carcasses. RB11 was previously investigated as part of the Appendix IV RFI in 1995. However, the investigation was limited to analysis of soils located adjacent to (and not within or underneath) the trenches. EPA therefore required additional characterization of the site. This SAP was submitted in response to the EPA requirement for additional site characterization.

In general, EPA found the SAP to be acceptable. More than 150 samples will be collected from 28 boreholes that will be installed within the nine trenches. Samples will be analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs, metals, cyanide, gross alpha, gross beta, gamma spectroscopy, soil pH, and soil moisture. EPA recommends approval of the SAP following receipt of a project schedule from KAFB.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Ms. Nancy Morlock of my staff at (214) 665-6650.

Sincerely yours,

for 
David W. Neleigh, Chief
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