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Benito Garcia, Chief Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau New Mexico Environmental Department 1190 St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

RE: Melrose Air Force Range, NM5572124456

Dear Dr. Gordon:

On July 18, 1991, I received a courtesy copy of a letter from Colonel David E. Benson, Commander, Cannon Air Force Base, regarding the Subpart X permit for Melrose Air Force Range. As you are aware, the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) is authorized to issue Subpart X permits for miscellaneous units in lieu of the federal program.

The purpose of this letter is to remind you that for facilities which were in existence on November 19, 1980, but did not file a Part B application for Subpart X units by November 8, 1988, permits must be issued by **November 8, 1992**, or the facility will lose interim status.

Colonel Benson's letter does not provide enough information to determine whether this situation exists for Melrose Air Force Range; however, if this facility will require the issuance of a Subpart X permit in FY 92, you may want to consider its inclusion in NMED's Grant Workplan for FY 92.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Richard Mayer of my staff at (214) 655-6775.

Sincerely,

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