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Mr. David Neleigh
US EPA, Region VI
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1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2533

RE: New Mexico's Preliminary Draft Permit for the Melrose Air
Force Range, Open Detonation Unit - EPA Review
EPA ID Number:NM5572124456

Dear Mr. Neleigh:

Enclosed for your review is a preliminary draft RCRA permit prepared by the New Mexico Environment Department. The permit was prepared for the US Department of the Air Force, Cannon Air Force Base for treatment of waste explosives by open detonation at the Melrose Air Force Range. Submittal of this draft permit satisfies the Joint Permitting Agreement requirement for which EPA provides a review and presents comments prior to public notification.

We intend to notify the public that the final draft permit will be available for their review and comments during the week of July 11, 1994.

If you have any concerns that could best be discussed over the telephone, please contact Tom Tatkin at (505) 827-4308.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Hoditschek".

Barbara Hoditschek, Manager
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cc:Benito Garcia
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