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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
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RE: Preliminary Draft Permit Comments - Melrose Air Force
Range - NM5572124456

Dear Mr. Garcia:

On June 28, 1994, Region 6 received a preliminary draft permit for the above mentioned facility prepared by the New Mexico Environment Department. This document establishes provisions for the treatment of hazardous wastes by open detonation.

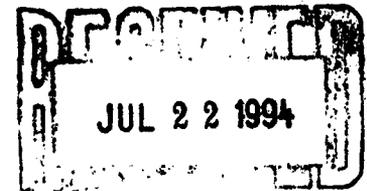
We have completed a review of the preliminary draft permit and offer the enclosed comments for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Rich Mayer of my staff at (214) 655-7442.

Sincerely yours,

William K. Honker

William K. Honker, P.E.
Chief, RCRA Permits Branch

Enclosure



**Comments on the U.S. Air Force Melrose
Range Open Detonation Preliminary Draft Permit**

Module II; General Facility Conditions: There needs to be a condition added to the permit requiring the owner or operator to notify the new owner or operator in writing of the requirements of 40 CFR 264 and 270 (264.12(c)). ✓

Page II-3; There needs to be a condition placed in the permit requiring that the Air Force (Melrose Range) make arrangements with the local authorities (264.37). ✓

Page II-2; Condition II.B.2.: Since the owner and the operator of Melrose Range is Cannon AFB, this condition can be clarified by stating that no waste other than that generated at Cannon AFB or at the Range can be accepted. ✓

Page III-1; Condition III.B.4: The word "per" needs to be inserted between the words "pounds" and "calendar". ✓

General Comment: Did the permittee submit air modeling or air monitoring information on Melrose Range? If not, the Region recommends that a condition requiring air modeling or air monitoring information be placed in the permit. ✓