

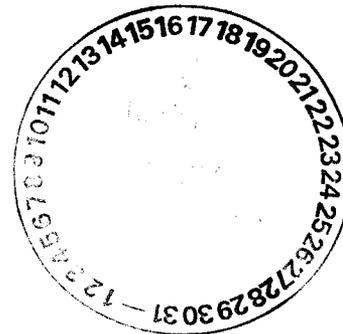


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**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
HEADQUARTERS 27th FIGHTER WING (ACC)  
CANNON AIR FORCE BASE NEW MEXICO

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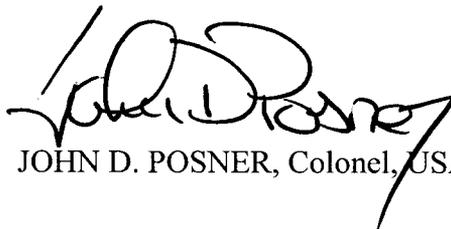


Dear Mr. Kieling

Cannon AFB requests a 180-day extension to submit the permit renewal application for the Melrose AFR Open Detonation Unit due to your office by June 18, 2004. Our intent is to remove the need for a permit for this unit because it was never constructed and therefore never became operational. Unfortunately, the Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) associated with the existing permit are under investigation and have not been closed. The extension would allow your office more time to review the SWMU investigation documentation submitted previously and determine whether a permit is required to address corrective action of the SWMUs. Both Mrs. Vera Wood from my staff and Mr. Glen von Gonten from your staff agreed on May 26, 2004 that an extension would be mutually beneficial.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mr. Don White or Mrs. Vera Wood of my Environmental Flight at (505) 784-2739 or (505) 784-1097.

Sincerely

  
JOHN D. POSNER, Colonel, USAF

cc:  
Mr. Glenn von Gonten, NMED