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July 8, 2005

Colonel John D. Posner
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**SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF CLOSURE
THE OPEN DETONATION UNIT AT MELROSE AIR FORCE RANGE
MELROSE AIR FORCE RANGE
EPA ID NO. NM5572124456-1**

Dear Colonel Posner:

A letter received by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in December 2004 states that Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) never constructed the concrete berm required by their permit and that the open detonation unit at Melrose Air Force Range (Melrose) was never operated.

NMED staff visited the open detonation unit on June 22, 2005 to verify that the unit was not constructed and has never been operated. NMED has determined that the inspection of the open detonation unit and the photographs taken by NMED sufficiently demonstrate the current condition of the unit. Based on this information, NMED hereby approves closure of the open detonation unit at Melrose Air Force Range.

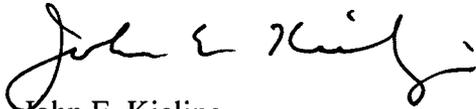
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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Cheryl Frischkorn of my staff at 505-428-2550.

Sincerely,



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