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COMMANDER
STEWS-ES-E (Hector Magallanes)
White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002-5048

Dear Mr. Magallanes:

The New Mexico Environment Department has reviewed the Draft Interim Report prepared by IT Corporation on the Systemic Diesel Spill at the HELSTF Cleaning Facility, under the terms of the New Mexico DSMOA. We offer the following comments.

The report mentions, on page 4-13, discharge of treated water to the storm sewer; and, on page 4-16, the addition of nutrients to the soil for enhancement of biodegradation. Both of these activities would require advance notification of the Ground Water Section of this Bureau to determine whether a ground water discharge plan is required. You should allow at least four months' advance notice for discharge plan approval.

No data were apparently available from wells HCF-1, HCF-4 (CFW-4), or HCF-6 (CFW-1); it would seem that product presence and thickness data from these points would be very useful in the final decision about extraction well placement.

You are of course aware that chlorinated solvents recovered by the swing carbon desorption unit would be considered listed hazardous wastes if their source was the cleaning facility sump leak, and would have to be managed as such.

Please give me a call at 827-2754 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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