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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

**U.S. ARMY WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE  
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NEW MEXICO 88002-**

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

National Range Directorate of Environment and Safety

Mr. Benito Garcia  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2044 Galisteo  
P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The White Sands Missile Range will be submitting two copies of the results from the April 1998 groundwater sampling event at the High Energy Laser System Test Facility (HELSTF) Chromium Spill Site to Mr. Phillip Solano of your staff. One electronic copy of the report only will also be enclosed.

This material is being submitted to illustrate our long-term commitment to monitor solid waste management units (SWMUs) where the potential to negatively impact groundwater exists. As you are aware, long-term groundwater monitoring is conducted at each of these SWMUs on a semi-annual schedule. The monitoring events document any potential contamination noted, and whether or not migration of potential contaminants is taking place.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or contact Ms. Robin Smith of our staff at (505) 678-8693.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Ladd  
Director, National Range Directorate of  
Environment and Safety

Copies Furnished:

- ✓ Phillip Solano, HRMB, NMED (w/enclosures)
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