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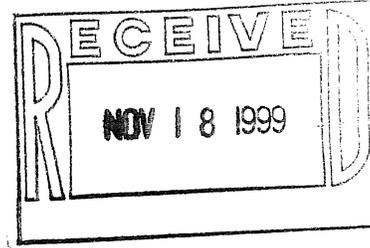
U.S. ARMY WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

November 15, 1999

Environment and Safety Directorate

Mr. Brian L. Salem
Underground Storage Tank Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
P. O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502



Dear Mr. Salem:

This letter is to provide your office with the final Soil Investigation at the Former Underground Storage Tank Location at Building 20710 (the former Timing Station) (encl 1). Per your request regarding the status of the hydrocarbon release at the Timing Station, we completed a site investigation in May 1999. The analytical results indicates two plumes of diesel range hydrocarbons with concentrations exceeding 1,000 parts per million. Neither plume extends vertically beyond 15 feet.

Based on the results of the soil investigation provided in this report, we believe that removal of the source area is the most feasible and rational remediation alternative, and this is the course of action we propose to execute. Due to the vertical extent of contamination (15 feet) and the depth to groundwater (approximately 130 feet), White Sands proposes removal and proper disposal of all soil with a total petroleum hydrocarbon concentration in excess of 1,000 parts per million. Upon approval of this proposed remedial action by the New Mexico Environment Department, a Corrective Action Plan and proposed work schedule will be developed and submitted to the Underground Storage Tank Bureau.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Glenda Wyatt, (505) 678-2224.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Ladd

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Director, Environment and Safety Directorate

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