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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Ms. Sandra Martin
Acting Chief
Hazardous Waste Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303

SUBJECT: Initiation of Voluntary Corrective Measure at the LC-38 Diesel Spill Site.

Dear Ms. Martin:

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) has been investigating the LC-38 Diesel Spill Site in accordance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as administered by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous Waste Bureau. This site was first discovered and reported to the NMED Ground Water Bureau on August 25, 2000. Subsequent to that report, the responsibility for the action was transferred to the Hazardous Waste Bureau.

The WSMR believes that this site does not pose a serious risk or an imminent threat to human health or the environment. However, the site requires investigation, remediation, and closure if we are going to use it in the future to support our military mission. Further, WSMR has funding available to carry the work forward. Accordingly, WSMR intends to carry out the balance of the investigation and/or the planned corrective measure as a Voluntary Corrective Measure (VCM).

The RFI Work Plan for this action was provided to your office on May 20, 2002. [MEVATEC Corp. *Work Plan for the RCRA Facility Investigation at the Launch Complex 38 Site on White Sands Missile Range, February 2002*] We intend to carry out the work as presented in that document. An additional hard copy of this plan is attached.

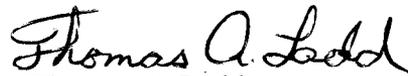
We note that the spill site has yet to be designated as a solid waste management unit (SWMU). Nevertheless, all activities will be carried out in full compliance with the substantive requirements of RCRA. WSMR will provide your office with an appropriate report upon work completion.

We remain actively committed to meeting our environmental compliance responsibilities and appreciate your understanding and support on this issue.

Copies of this letter are being provided to Mr. James Harris, EPA Region VI; Mr. Larry King, EPA Region VI; Mr. G. von Gonten, NMED HWB; Mr. Steve Pullen, NMED-HWB; Ms. Cheryl Frischkorn, NMED-HWB; Mr. James Pigg, SJA; and BAE Systems.

Mr. Gene Forsythe remains the overall action officer for this effort and he may be reached at (505) 678-1007 for further discussion on this subject. Mr. William Little of BAE Systems is the assigned technical manager for the project. He may be reached at (505) 678-0263.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Thomas A. Ladd in cursive script.

Thomas A. Ladd
Director, Environment and Safety Directorate

Enclosure