



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY GARRISON WHITE SANDS
100 Headquarters Avenue
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NEW MEXICO 88002-5000



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Directorate of Public Works



DEC 13 2010

Mr. James Bearzi
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303

SUBJECT: Public Notification for Petition to Perform Class III Modifications to Remove Solid Waste Management Units 19, 47, 48, 63, 64, 108, 157, 158, 159, 164, 167, 168 and 198 from the White Sands Missile Range RCRA Part B Permit HSWA Module, EPA ID No. NM2750211235

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) submitted the referenced petition to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on April 15, 2010 to request the change of status of the listed sites from Corrective Action Required to Corrective Action Complete. This correspondence is provided in response to an electronic mail correspondence from Mr. Dave Cobrain of the NMED requesting that WSMR provide notification that public notice pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §270.42(c) was not published prior to submittal of the petition.

WSMR will send notices to all persons on the facility's mailing list and will publish a public notice in the *Albuquerque Journal* and the *Las Cruces Sun-News*. The published notice will include notice of a public meeting that will occur during the 60-day comment period. In addition, the Class 3 permit modification application and supporting documentation will be accessible to the public during the comment period.

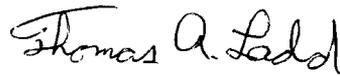
Proof of publication, a copy of the notices that were sent to the facility's mailing list, and a request for permit modification will be submitted to the NMED within 7 days of the date of publication. WSMR understands that the petition does not have to be re-submitted with this letter regarding the public notices.

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Benito Avalos of our Environmental Compliance Branch at (575) 678-2225.

I am forwarding copies of this letter to Mr. Dave Cobrain, NMED-HWB; Mr. John Kieling, NMED-HWB; Mr. Chuck Hendrickson, Region VI EPA; Ms. Laurie Rodriguez, ARCADIS.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Thomas A. Ladd in cursive script.

Thomas A. Ladd
Director, Public Works