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Mr. John Kieling
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Dear Mr. Kieling,

This letter is confirming our email notification sent on February 12, 2014 and to formally notify the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB) of a potential newly identified Area of Concern. The area in question contained buried 55 gallon steel drums located at the RATSCAT Advanced Measurement System (RAMS) site on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) (Map enclosed). Approximately five (5) open top steel drums were discovered on January 22, 2014 during grading of an area where several operational buildings are being constructed. The drums were exposed by an excavator trenching in the area. The contents of the drums are unknown at this time and it could not be determined if a release occurred based on the visual assessment.

WSMR will conduct exploratory excavation and preliminary soil sampling to determine if there are any contaminants of potential concern and ensure safety prior to any removal. Contents of the drums will also be sampled for proper removal and disposal. Additional information will be provided upon completion of the sampling assessment.

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

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Ms. Neelam Dhawan, NMED-HWB; Mr. Dave Cobrain, NMED-HWB; Mr. Paul Torcoletti, EPA Region 6; and Mr. Robert Rowden, AEC.

Sincerely,

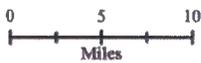
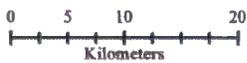
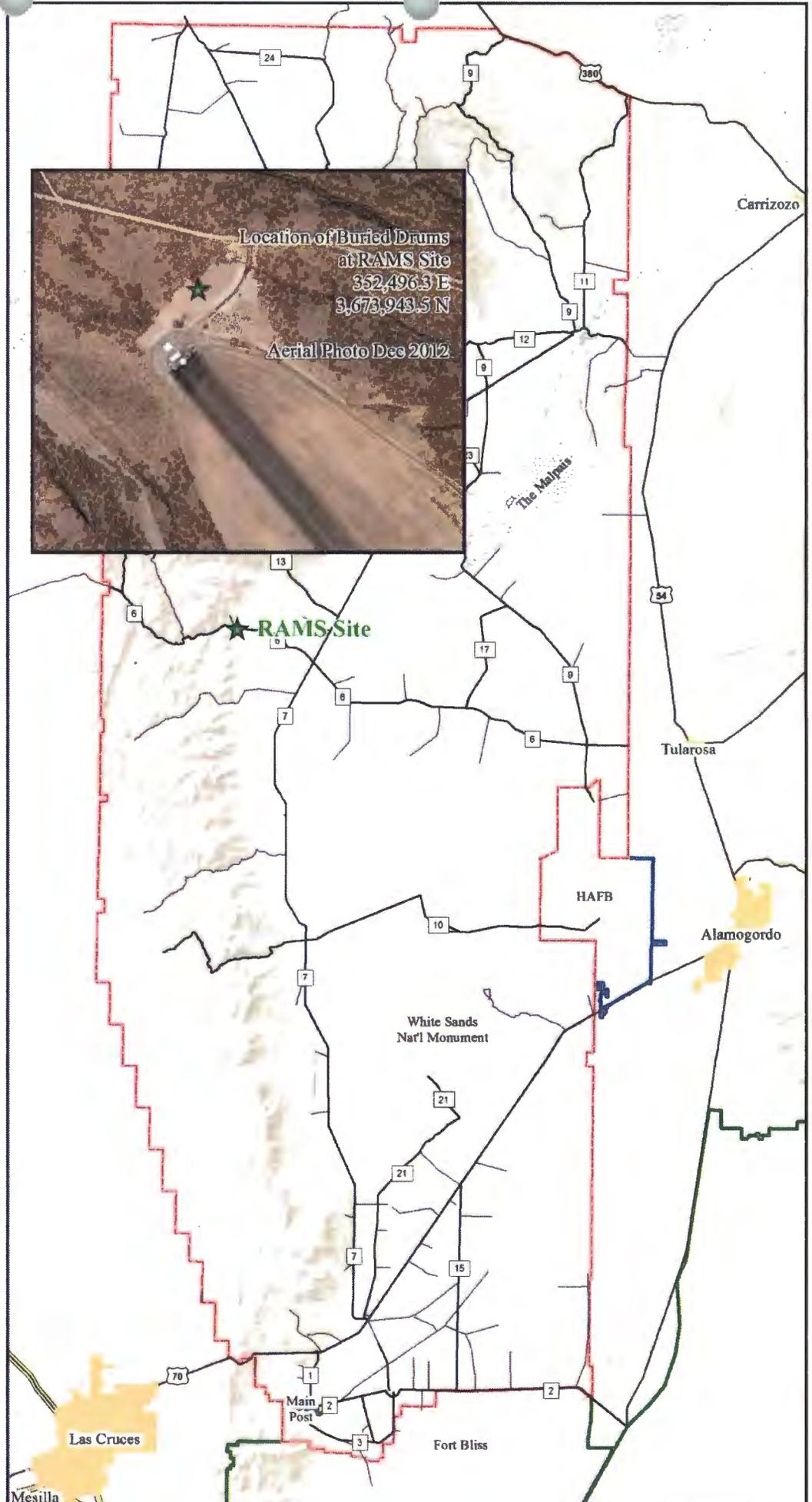
Jose A. Gallegos
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Enclosure

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE

RAMS Site near Rhodes Canyon
February 2014

★ Buried Drums at RAMS Site



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