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February 3, 1999

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Directorate of Environment

Dr. Robert S. Dinwiddie, Manager
RCRA Permits Management Program
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau
P. O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Dr. Dinwiddie:

This letter is submitted in response to your January 6, 1999, data request for NMED's Annual Unit Audit of hazardous waste corrective action units. The following Solid Waste Management Units are listed on the HSWA Module of Fort Bliss' Operating Permit, NM4213720101-01:

<u>SWMU</u>	<u>Landfill</u>	<u>OTHER DESIGNATIONS</u>	<u>RFI Submitted</u>
18	No. 13	McGregor Rubble Pit	FY98
19		McGregor Range Oxidation Pond	FY98
20		Inactive Open Detonation Area	FY98
25	No. 14	Oro Grande Rubble Pit	FY98
25B		Oro Grande Oxidation Pond	FY98
27	No. 12	Dona Ana Rubble Pit	FY98
27B		Dona Ana Oxidation Pond	FY98
29	No. 11	Closed Dona Ana Sanitary Landfill	FY98
76		Meyer Range Oxidation Pond	FY98
21		McGregor Range Training Area	FY99
22		McGregor Range Former Drum Storage Area	FY99

RCRA Facility Investigations (RFIs) for 9 of the 11 SMWUs were submitted to NMED during fiscal year 1998. Submission of the RFIs, which indicate that no releases have taken place, satisfies the requirements set forth in the HSWA Module of the Operating Permit. For this reason, we request that those SWMUs (18, 19, 20, 25, 25B, 27, 27B, 29, and 76) be removed from the permit and excluded from formulation of the Annual Hazardous Waste Management

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Business Fee. SWMUs 21 and 22 were added to the permit in 1998. The draft RFI addendum, to be submitted to your office later this spring, reveals no releases have occurred at those units. Therefore, we request that units 21 and 22 also be removed from the permit and excluded from the business fee formulation.

Additional restoration sites not identified in the Operating Permit are described in the Fort Bliss Installation Action Plan, dated March 1998 (enclosed). In coordination with your office, investigations are proceeding at these areas of concern; however, none at this time merit inclusion on the permit.

Please do not hesitate to call the Directorate of Environment for more information or any other assistance we can provide in regard to this request. Your point of contact is the Chief, Multimedia Compliance Division, Ms. Elza Cushing at 568-1041 or Ms. Patricia McKernan, 568-6077.

Sincerely,



Elza Cushing, P.E.
Chief, Multimedia Compliance Division
Directorate of Environment

Enclosure
Fort Bliss Installation Action Plan, Installation Restoration Program