



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Directorate of Environment

Mr. James Bearzi, Bureau Chief  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
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RE: Notification of Closure  
Open Detonation Unit, McGregor Range  
U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss (Fort Bliss)  
Hazardous Waste Facility Permit NM 4213720101-01

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Permit Number NM4213720101-01 (Permit) expires July 8, 2005. Fort Bliss will not renew the Permit for the operating unit and will close the open detonation facility in 2005.

Fort Bliss obtained the Permit in 1995 for treatment of waste military munitions that had exceeded expiration dates or deteriorated to the point of being unserviceable. In ensuing years, the Army changed policy to limit the authority of Installations to designate military munitions as waste and required Installations to send safe but unserviceable munitions to a depot for reuse, recovery, or recycling.

The new policy eliminated the need for an open detonation unit at Fort Bliss, because unserviceable munitions are returned to a depot. If the Army ever determines that unserviceable munitions at Fort Bliss are not safe to transport off the Installation, the Directorate of Environment will apply to NMED for an emergency permit.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call Patricia McKernan at (915) 568-6077.

Sincerely,

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