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Ed Kelley, Ph.D., Director
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P.O. Box 26110
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**SUBJECT: Holloman Air Force Base
RCRA Permit for Open Detonation Treatment Unit
EPA I.D. Number NM6572124422**

Dear Dr. Kelley:

On 14 May 1997, I visited the 20,000-Pound Open Detonation (OD) Unit at Holloman Air Force Base. The purpose of my visit was to inspect the unit and ensure that it was constructed in compliance with the permit referenced in the subject of this letter. Specifically, I inspected the berm and the barbed wire fence around the site. The inspection confirmed that these items have been built in compliance with the requirements of the permit. In my professional opinion, this unit will be protective of the environment if operated in accordance with the permit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (512) 419-5081.

Sincerely,

Douglas E. Bell

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cc: Mike Jacobs, Holloman Air Force Base
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