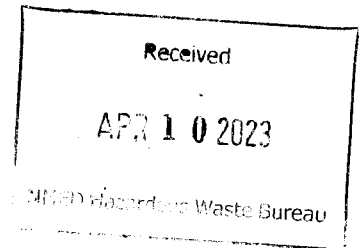




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**SUBJECT: Request for a 90-day extension to hold five E54/M125 non-CWM bomblets within the approved Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) Interim Holding Facility (IHF) at site LF029, Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), NM.**

Dear Mr. Cobrain,

Five E54/M125 10-lb bomblets were identified during Holloman AFB LF029 site reconnaissance operations between January 12th and January 30, 2023.

On February 14, 2023, the CBRNE Analytical and Remediation Activity (CARA) team conducted Portable Isotopic Neutron Spectroscopy System (PINS) non-intrusive sampling in order to determine if the five bomblets contained Chemical Warfare Material (CWM). It was determined that the bomblets contain a liquid fill with energetics present. The PINS liquid fill assessment is a water/antifreeze mixture, not CWM.

While there is no CWM, due to the energetics present, the bomblets meet the definition of a RCRA reactive hazardous waste, therefore the 90-day storage limit is applied. The RCRA 90-day storage limit of the first identified bomblet ends on April 12, 2023.

These bomblets would have been disposed of upon receiving the PINS results like other MMRP at this site, however, Holloman AFB is currently waiting for the US Army Materiel Assessment Review Board (MARB) headquarters determination of any declarable requirements under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Treaty. Therefore, Holloman AFB respectfully requests a 90-day extension to hold the five E45/M125 bomblets within the LF029 MMRP IHF until the determination is concluded. Once resolved, the bomblets will be disposed of using the protocol outlined in the Final Uniform Federal Policy- Quality Assurance Project Plan for Interim Measures at the Former Army Landfill 29 (SWMU 104), dated June 2019 and approved by NMED on October 16, 2019.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact me at (575) 572-0059 or the Restoration Project Manager, Ms. Sarah Nuss at (518) 322-8478 or Sarah.Nuss@us.af.mil.

Sincerely,

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