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Minutes of the Bernalillo County/Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) Environmental Working Group Meeting ✓

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1. Place: Mountainview Fire Station
2. Date: 18 November 1991, 0915
3. Chairperson: Mr Michael Guerrero, Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)
4. Introduction/Approval of Minutes: Mr Guerrero called the meeting to order at 0930. The attendance roster is provided (Atch 1). Mr Guerrero asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the 23 August 1991 meeting. Additions and corrections to the minutes had been submitted by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in a letter dated 22 October 1991 and by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Kirtland Area Office in a letter dated 8 October 1991. Copies were distributed to the members present. After their review, the minutes were approved as amended. Copies of these letters will be attached to the official copy of the 23 August 1991 meeting minutes maintained at the KAFB library.
5. Mr Guerrero recognized Ms Kathy Leyendecker from Congressman Steve Schiff's office. Ms Leyendecker announced the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to study the long range disposal of radioactive waste into the City of Albuquerque sanitary sewer system. The committee is to be composed of those activities currently generating this type of waste and concerned citizens. There is a resolution before the Albuquerque City Council to authorize this committee.
6. Mr Herb Grover (NMED) Hazardous Waste Management Branch, Santa Fe, described the status of the DOE/Sandia National Laboratory (SNL) Hazardous Waste Part B Permit. The SWOP and other citizens had asked five questions during the public comment period. A meeting between NMED and SWOP will be held to determine whether or not a public hearing is needed. Ms Sue Umshler (DOE) replied to a question about the 5-year Site Specific Plans. They are pending and awaiting approval of funding from DOE. Mr Guerrero asked if the oversight funds provided to NMED from DOE/SNL to hire additional personnel were included in DOE/SNL's current budgets. The funds are provided to NMED from DOE's headquarters in Washington, DC. Funding has been provided since October 1990. There are NMED personnel on site at SNL, Waste Isolation Pilot Program (WIPP), and Los Alamos National Laboratory.



7. Mr Rich Mayer of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) arrived from Dallas, Texas. He discussed KAFB's Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA) Permit. It was approved in October 1991 and established a one year program for completion of soil sampling and analysis. Mr John Gould (KAFB) noted that funding for Tijeras Arroyo investigation has been requested. Mr Mayer noted that SNL and KAFB both have a requirement to produce a Hazardous Waste Reduction Report. Both are due by 6 December 1991.

8. Mr Gould described the results of the water table sampling at the KAFB western perimeter monitoring well. Results of 32-35 ppm of nitrates had been reported. KAFB will provide further coordination with NMED to monitor this well and NMED's well west of KAFB along the north side of Tijeras Arroyo. Mr Gould also announced that KAFB is currently conducting a semiannual monitoring wells sampling activity.

9. Mr Gould announced that NMED has approved the Closure Plans for the Sewage Lagoons Golf Course and Golf Course Pond. Funding for a "clean closure" has been requested from the Headquarters, Military Airlift Command (MAC).

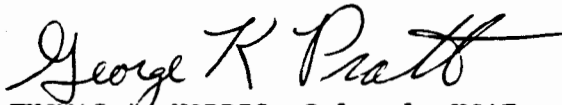
10. Mr Harry Davidson (KAFB) explained that aerial photos of KAFB taken as far back as 1935 are being collected as part of KAFB's HSWA Part B Permit. They will be on display at the KAFB Library as part of the record.

11. Mr William Bennett of the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department introduced Mr Steve Walker, Manager of the Environmental Health Department's Air Pollution Control Division. Mr Walker distributed a list of air permits currently held or previously held by SNL or KAFB (Atch 2). He also distributed a copy of the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board Regulation 3, Open Burning, which was the basis of the Air Quality Control Board's issuance of the permits (Atch 3). This regulation will be reviewed by the Environmental Health Department staff at a working meeting of the Air Quality Control Board on 8 January 1992 at 4:00 pm. Recommended revisions will be heard at a public hearing by the Air Quality Control Board at some later date. Ms Ann Newsted of the East Mountain Alliance (TEMA) asked several questions regarding citizen input on the SNL open burning activities at Lurance Canyon.

12. Mr Bennett gave a color slide presentation concerning the long and short range ground water protection policy planning for the Bernalillo County area. A copy of the slide presentation is Attachment 4.

13. The next meeting will be held on 20 or 21 February 1992 at 0915 at the Mountainview Fire Station. TEMA will be the host. Agenda items and activity summaries can be sent to TEMA's mailing address.

14. Mr Guerrero and Ms Lana Marcussen asked the members from KAFB what the plans are for storage of munitions at the Manzano Base facility. Colonel Norris replied that he had read the recent DOE released news article but he had no further information.

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1. Attendees List
2. SNL/KAFB Permits
3. Albuq/Bern County Air Quality Control Board
4. Ground - Water Protection Policy and Action Plan