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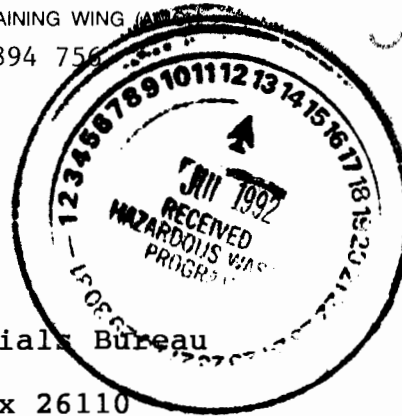
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RE: Letter 28 May 1992 Contingency Planning for Building 1024

Dear Mr Horst

When the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was first established, Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) was a regular participant. Although it was not required by law or any other regulation, we took an active roll because we wanted to be a good neighbor and it is Department of Defense policy to participate if possible. In the LEPC's infancy, we participated at the quarterly meeting and provided established written procedures. One of the documents that was used as a reference in developing the LEPC's contingency plan was the KAFB Spill Prevention and Countermeasure Contingency Plan (SPCC). A New Mexico Regional Federal Medical Center Single Integrated Disaster Operational Plan also exists for which copies can be made if not already received. We believe we have met our Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B Permit requirements in Section III.

We currently send a representative to all the scheduled quarterly LEPC meetings. We receive a copy of the quarterly minutes and there has been no mention of any problem with the contingency plan. We are unaware the LEPC ever needed additional information. Furthermore, we have never been notified formally or informally that a problem existed between us and the Albuquerque Fire Department (AFD). To the contrary, AFD and other LEPC members feel confident enough to call KAFB to assist in certain instances. For example, when our base was requested to respond to the truck spill in Tijeras Canyon we did. We have a letter of agreement between the AFD and ourself to support each other in times of emergencies. This agreement has been in effect for a considerable length of time and no problem had been identified by either party involved.

We believe the source of the problem to be communication between all parties. We have met with representatives from the Veterans Administration Hospital (VA) and AFD to resolve the uncertainty of how to notify and confirm that the correct information is issued for the purpose of responding to incidents that may potentially affect the community. The consensus of the group is for the Kirtland Consolidated Command Post (KCCP) to be the central focal point for notifying both the AFD, the VA, and any other



potentially affected parties. When the AFD and VA are notified, they will contact the KCCP to verify that the call was authentic and stay in a standby mode (Tier 1). If further assistance or evacuation is needed the KCCP will notify appropriate and potentially affected parties. The AFD or VA will call the KCCP to confirm the call before the operational part of the contingency plan is implemented (Tier 2). A draft plan is to be reviewed later this month. Upon its acceptance by all organizations involved, a copy will be provided to NMED.

After checking with the VA and the AFD it was confirmed that the AFD did not respond to the bulging drum incident. Although there was the potential for a costly response, it did not materialize.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Walter S. Darr III at (505)846-0029/0042.

Sincerely



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