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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ron Curry, Deputy Secretary, NMED
FROM: Benito J. Garcia, Chief, ERMB
SUBJECT: Air Force/NMED Meeting 8/5 92
DATE: August 7, 1992



Item 1:

Prior to the official opening of the meeting General Higham discussed a proposed subdivision East of I-25 and south of the International Airport which could create some concerns to KAFB. The major concern is the request to allow a major access to the development site, Mesa del Sol, through KAFB from I-40. Gen. Higham has committed to Land Commissioner Baca to explore the possibility of a limited access through KAFB. Gen. Higham questions the need for any access to Mesa del Sol from I-40 since the development has access to I-25 already.

Gen. Higham also would like to know if an EIS is needed for the development. Follow up question is who should be responsible for the EIS?

Gen. Higham stated that Land Commissioner Baca is pushing the project. Land is in trust to UNM and the development would provide revenues to UNM when in place.

Item 2:

General Higham stated that KAFB is in the running for the National Space Test Facility. No AFB has been selected as of yet. Gen. Higham requests any support the state can provide in influencing decision through congressional delegation, etc. to achieve positive outcome.

Item 3:

KAFB hosted Deputy Secretary for Environment (DOD), Tom Baca, and relayed concerns on making dollars available to allow for remediation at Air Force Bases.

Item 4:

As per your request, I asked Gen. Higham for documentation on the

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route NOV's take when issued by NMED. Gen. Higham asked Col. Tom Norris to provide documentation to NMED. Col. Norris explained to me that this would take a "little" time since different commands in the AF respond differently to the NOV. However, the documentation would be provided.

Item 5:

Old business agenda items were discussed. Minutes to be provided by the Air Force will detail old business.

Issues of note in old business are that the AF cannot lobby legislature on environmental fees collected being used only for environmental work; AF cannot participate in task force or committees that result in legislation or regulations.

Suggestion that a request on AF position on fees collected be sent to public affairs.

Item 6:

New business items were discussed. Nothing extraordinary. AF minutes will cover these areas.

Item 7:

Notice of training review will be submitted to NMED in near future. The training will be in Albuquerque the week of September 21st on Opportunity Assessment Training.

Item 8:

New agenda items for next meeting:

- a) Briefing on Clean Air Act Amendments and NMED proposed implementation dates (include city/county & NMED) (Cecilia Williams).
- b) AF to pick another project to focus on for next meeting.
- c) AF would like to discuss Surface Water issues at next meeting. Notices of intent to discharge, new regulations or policy (Jim Piatt).

Item 9:

Discussion on future meetings was held. Concerns that technical meetings without upper management having to attend be held at alternating quarterly intervals and that the alternative quarterly meetings (every six months) be a combination technical/policy which should be attended by upper management. The next meeting technical staff (and others if they wish) will be held in November or December. The next technical/policy meeting will be held after the legislative session probably in April.

Should you have any questions please contact me at your convenience at 827-4358.

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