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Attention: Bernadettee  
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Dear Bernadettee:

Please publish the enclosed legal notice in your Thursday, November 5, 1992 newspaper. Please return a copy of the notice as published with a certificate of date published. Address the bill to:

Ms. Suzanne Lopez  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
525 Camino de los Marquez  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stoddard at (505) 827-4308 or 827-4313.

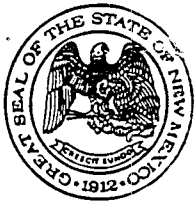
Sincerely,

Barbara Hoditschek  
RCRA Permits Program Manager  
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Enclosure.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS BUREAU  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

November 5, 1992

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLOSE A HAZARDOUS WASTE SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT AND TERMINATE INTERIM STATUS

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The HSWA impose additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities which will be administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until the State of New Mexico receives additional authorization for those requirements.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (Section 74-4-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978, as amended, 1989) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-6), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) can approve or deny closure plans. NMED has received a closure plan submitted by Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB), EPA I.D. Number NM4890110519, for the Building 20423 Battery Shop French Drain surface impoundment. The unit is presently under RCRA interim status.

Kirtland Air Force Base is located in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, and is owned and operated by the United States Air Force. Located within the perimeter of the base is a variety of DOD and DOE facilities. Building 20423 was used for vehicle maintenance operations. The French Drain was located at the northwest corner of the building, and was constructed in 1977 to receive wastewater, battery acid, and wash water. The drain was accessible by a covered manhole, and wastewater flowed to the drain through underground pipes. The drain was constructed of a precast concrete pipe, 4 feet in diameter by 4 feet in length, set vertically in the ground. The original excavation continued as an open hole, 4 feet in diameter, extending to approximately 20 feet below grade. The hole was then filled to within a few feet of the top with gravel and limestone chips. The limestone was used to neutralize spent

battery acid that entered the drain. Discharge of battery acids to the drain was terminated in June, 1988. In addition to spent acid, wastewater from vehicle washing and sinks in the building has entered the drain. The surface impoundment is subject to regulation as a hazardous waste management unit because the wastes may have exhibited the hazardous characteristic of corrosivity (pH < 2.0) and toxicity for lead. Solvents may also have been present in the wash water.

KAFB completed field activities for closure of this impoundment in July, 1992. Soils and subsoils were investigated to determine the extent of contamination. Additional sampling may be required to ensure that no hazardous constituents impact soils, subsoils, or ground-water above NMED-approved Health-Based Limit Criteria. If analytical results indicate that residual contamination is above NMED-approved Health-Based Limit Criteria, then the unit will be subject to post closure care regulatory requirements applicable to landfills.

The administrative record for this decision consists of the closure plan, a fact sheet, and related correspondence. The administrative record may be reviewed at NMED, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503. The closure plan and fact sheet may be viewed at the Albuquerque Main Public Library, 501 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico. To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stoddard at the above address or call (505) 827-4308.

Any person who wishes to comment upon the proposed plan or to request a public hearing should submit written comments and requests, along with the commentor's name and address, to the Santa Fe address. Requests for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Only comments and/or requests received by December 7, 1992 will be considered. NMED will provide a thirty day notice of the public hearing, if scheduled. All written comments submitted on the proposed plan will be considered in formulating a final decision.

NMED must ensure that the approved closure plan is consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for closure. After consideration of all written comments received, NMED will approve or modify and approve the closure plan submitted by KAFB. If the NMED modifies and approves the plan, then NMED shall provide KAFB with a detailed written statement of reasons for the modification and the modified plan will become the approved closure plan. A copy of the modified plan with a detailed statement of the reasons for the modifications will be mailed to KAFB.

If closure activities described in the closure plan meet the closure standards for closure by removal, NMED will grant clean closure of the unit and terminate interim status. If closure by removal standards are not met, then the unit will be subject to post closure care regulatory requirements.