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April 7, 1993

Colonel Thomas A. Norris, USAF
Director
Environmental Management Division
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2000 Wyoming Blvd. SE Suite 5659
Kirtland AFB, New Mexico 87117-5659

RE: DUE DATE FOR CLOSURE CERTIFICATION AND REPORT FOR BASE
SEWAGE LAGOONS AND GOLF COURSE MAIN POND

Dear Colonel Norris:

A closure plan for the Base Sewage Lagoons and Golf Course Main Pond was approved November 26, 1991. According to the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-7), Part VI, Section 40 CFR 265.113(b), Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) must complete final closure activities in accordance with the approved closure plan within 180 days after its approval. KAFB requested and was granted a 180 day extension to complete all closure activities by November 20, 1992.

In a letter to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) dated October 20, 1992, KAFB stated that quarterly groundwater monitoring results for the units indicated contamination of 2 Butanone. KAFB's proposal to verify the presence of contamination was agreed to by NMED on October 27, 1992. However, NMED required KAFB to submit confirmation groundwater monitoring sampling results by March 31, 1993. This due date was based upon KAFB's anticipated delay in receiving laboratory reports for the groundwater sampling from the analytical laboratory. The October 27, 1992 letter from NMED did not extend the due date of November 20, 1992 for completing all other closure activities. NMED is concerned that KAFB has not completed all closure activities and did not submit certification of closure by March 31, 1993 as implied in our October 27, 1993 letter.



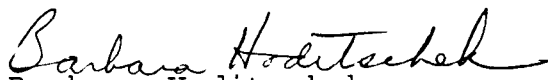
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Within 30 days of your receipt of this letter, KAFB's closure certification and closure report for the Base Sewage Lagoons and Golf Course Main Pond or an official request for a closure plan modification must be received by NMED. Any request to modify the approved closure plan must be in writing and include a firm schedule for completing all remaining closure activities within 60 days of your receipt of this letter. Failure to meet either of the above mentioned due dates will result in the issuance of a Letter of Violation (LOV) or a Compliance Order (CO) to require compliance with the approved closure plan.

Minor changes to the approved closure plan which are made in the field during implementation of the closure activities and which qualify for a Class I modification must be documented in the closure report and justified with KAFB's reasons for doing so. Class II or Class III changes [per 40 CFR 265.112 (c)(4)] are major changes which NMED must issue for public comment and be approved before KAFB may implement these changes.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stoddard of my staff at (505) 827-4308.

Sincerely.


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Program Manager, RCRA Permits

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