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Thomas A. Norris, Colonel, USAF
Director, Environmental Management Division
377 ABW/EM
2000 Wyoming Boulevard SE
Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico 87117-5659

RE: Investigation of Radioactive Burial Sites

Dear Colonel Norris:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the information submitted by Kirtland Air Force Base (Kirtland) supporting their Class III Permit Modification request. Based upon the information submitted, and based upon subsequent conversations with members of your staff, the EPA has determined that Radioactive Burial Sites RB-4, RB-5, RB-6, RB-8 and RB-9 should not be removed from Kirtland's permit. The EPA understands that although these tanks were never used for their intended purposes, they were recently surveyed and several were found to contain free liquids.

The EPA has therefore removed these SWMUs from Kirtland's permit modification request. These SWMUs should be investigated by Kirtland in accordance with their permit.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Nancy R. Morlock of my staff at (214) 655-6650.

Sincerely yours,

David W. Neleigh, Chief
New Mexico and Federal Facilities Section
RCRA Permits Branch (6H-PN)

cc: Benito Garcia, NMED

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