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Dear Mr. Honker

This letter constitutes a Notice of Class I Modification to the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) RCRA HSWA Permit.

A number of Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs), included in the permit appendices, can be combined to form fewer SWMUs. Combining these sites will simplify funding requests and streamline project planning. Additionally, these SWMUs are interrelated and can best be remediated when considered as single units.

a. BACKGROUND: Landfills 4, 5, and 6 comprise two IRP sites, LF-8 and LF-12, and three SWMUs, 6-4, 6-5, and 6-6. The USGS investigated the landfills as Site 3 in the Stage 2A RFI. These landfills are actually one continuous landfill previously identified, based on periods of use, as three separate landfills in the 1988 RFA.

ACTION: For final remediation, we must consider these landfills as one site; KAFB will therefore combine the three SWMUs into one. The new SWMU will be designated 6-4 and include the area of all three landfills.

b. BACKGROUND: The Kirtland Fire Training Area (KFTA), two drains at the KFTA, and the Jet Engine Burn Area (JEBA) near the KFTA comprise three IRP sites, FT-13, FT-39, and FT-52, and three SWMUs, 6-16, 6-17, and 6-18. These three sites are part of one FTA of less than one acre. The USGS investigated the KFTA and drains as Site 4 in the Stage 2A RFI; results indicate the drains are not a source of contamination. The JEBA (also part of Site 4) is now being investigated as part of the Stage 2C RFI. A pilot bioventing project was established at the KFTA and, if successful at remediation, will be expanded to include the JEBA.

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**ACTION:** We will combine all three sites into one SWMU, designated 6-16. In addition, the Manzano FTA will be redesignated as SWMU 6-32 to avoid confusion.

c. **BACKGROUND:** In the permit revision dated 1 March 1994, Landfill C is listed as SWMU 6-8 in the revised Appendix 1.

**ACTION:** It is corrected to SWMU 6-9.

d. **BACKGROUND:** The Manzano Imhoff Tank, Sludge Drying Beds, and Sewage Lagoons 1 through 4 comprise five IRP sites, WP-16, WP-40, WP-41, WP-42, and WP-43, and five SWMUs, 6-24, 6-25, 6-26, 6-27, and 6-28.

**ACTION:** These five SWMUs will be combined into one SWMU, designated SWMU 6-24, Manzano Sewage Treatment Facility.

In summary, to manage the corrective actions specified in the permit more effectively, the following modifications are necessary:

a. Combine SWMUs 6-4, 6-5, and 6-6 into one Appendix I SWMU, designated 6-4, Landfill 4-5-6

b. Combine SWMUs 6-16, 6-17, and 6-18 into one Appendix I SWMU, designated 6-16, Kirtland Fire Training Area (KFTA)


c. Combine SWMUs 6-24, 6-25, 6-26, 6-27, and 6-28 into one Appendix I SWMU, designated 6-24, Manzano Sewage Treatment Facility.

d. Redesignate the Manzano FTA as Appendix II SWMU 6-32 to isolate it from the KFTA.

We will send this Class I modification to interested persons on our mailing list per 40 CFR 170.42a and 40 CFR 124.10c.

Please contact Mr. Christopher DeWitt, (505) 846-2773/0053, if you have any questions.

Sincerely

  
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