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Mr. Christopher B. DeWitt, R.P.G.
Chief, Restoration Branch
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Dear Mr. DeWitt:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed information submitted by Kirtland Air Force Base (Kirtland) concerning three abandoned mine shafts that may be a potential solid waste management unit (SWMU). These mine shafts are located in the southeast portion of Kirtland near the EOD range. The EPA is hereby approving Kirtland's request to delay the submittal of the SWMU Assessment Report (SAR) until December 31, 1995. This delay will allow Kirtland to secure funding to complete sampling activities at these sites.

Please note that this site is not being added to Kirtland's RCRA Part B Permit at this time. A determination as to whether the mine shafts are SWMUs will be made following EPA and New Mexico Environment Department review of the SAR.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Nancy R. Morlock of my staff at (214) 665-6650.

Sincerely yours,

David W. Neleigh, Chief
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