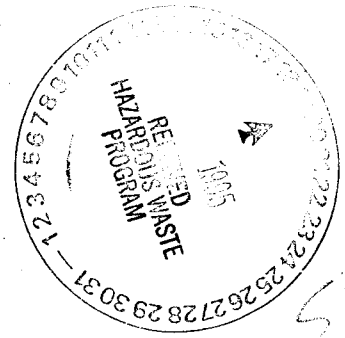




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Dear Mr. DeWitt:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your May 26, 1995 site-specific sampling plan for 6S-69, Drum Storage Area and found it to be incomplete. Please respond to the attached questions and comments within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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

Sincerely yours,

David W. Neleigh, Chief  
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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Benito Garcia  
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**EPA Comments**  
**Site-Specific Sampling Plan for SS-69, Drum Storage Area**  
**Kirtland Air Force Base**

1. The Site-Specific Sampling Plan describes a number of deteriorated drums and releases to the environment. Does the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) Compliance Branch have a report, or any additional information, describing their activities at this site? If so, please provide a copy of the information.
2. KAFB should describe the criteria used to locate proposed sampling points, including background sampling locations.
3. The sampling plan describes upgradient and downgradient soil sampling locations. Please explain the relevance of "gradient" with respect to soil sampling.
4. EPA recommends that the boreholes be completed to a minimum depth of 15 feet below grade. If field screening or any other evidence indicates contamination at the 10- or 15-foot sampling locations, sampling should continue at 5-foot intervals until field screening indicates two consecutive "clean" samples.