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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
NM Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Garcia

We are reporting an area we believe may be the source of a release into the environment. After in-house review of a proposed project to remove three tower-mounted water tanks no longer utilized by the base, compliance personnel noted the high lead content of the paint on the water towers. Through the Air Force's information crossfeeding program, we were also recently made aware of sites at Eglin AFB in Florida which required remediation of lead contaminated soil beneath similar water towers. No soil samples have been collected to date, but based on the analytical results of paint samples and reports from Eglin AFB a SWMU assessment is required at this site(s)

As you know, our budget process precludes funding of an adequate SWMU assessment report (SAR) for submittal within the 90-day requirement in Module IV of our RCRA Part B Permit. We are, therefore, requesting you set the due date for the SAR at 15 Feb 97. We will seek FY97 environmental compliance funds to perform a SAR at this site in order to determine if there has been a release.

Please advise us as soon as possible if you agree with this proposal. My point of contact is Harry Davidson, (505) 846-9002 (fax: (505) 853-0540).

Sincerely


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