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Subject: Approval of Interim Corrective Measures

Dear Mr. Leatherwood,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) has completed its review of KAFB's Final Draft "Interim Corrective Measures (ICMs) Report for Seven Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and One Nuclear Regulatory Commission Site", dated April 1997.

The HRMB has found the ICMs are acceptable. The HSWA Module of KAFB's RCRA Operating Permit has no provisions regarding voluntary stabilization activities at SWMUs. Therefore, the HRMB reviewed the report to be assured that the stabilization measures were in no way detrimental to the prescribed remediation process. The HRMB found that there were no detrimental effects.

The report recommends no-further-action (NFA) at five of the eight sites and states that a proposal should be prepared. For these sites, KAFB is reminded that it must abide by the "Determination of No Further Action" (Section L.) requirements of the HSWA Module. The HRMB will not evaluate the NFA proposal prior to the receipt of an application for a Class III permit modification to remove the SWMUs from the permit. Please provide a disk copy of the proposal in Word Perfect 5.0 to facilitate preparation of a Statement of Basis.

NMED wishes to thank you for your efforts to bring the environmental restorations process at KAFB to closure. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steve Pullen of my staff at 827-1558.

Sincerely,

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