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RE: FINAL PERMIT ACTION
NM 2750211235

Major General Thomas J.P. Jones
Commander
U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range
White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico 88002

Dear General Jones:

Your letter certifying the clean closure of the acid neutralization surface impoundment in accordance with the plan approved November 2, 1987 has been received. This certification is grounds for the final administrative disposition of your permit application for this unit. I, as Director of the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division, deny this permit application and, hereby, terminate the interim status of this surface impoundment in accordance with Section 302.C.4.b. of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. This permit denial is premised upon the certified clean closure of the surface impoundment and does not imply any wrongdoing on the part of the U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). This action has no effect on the status of the remainder of WSMR.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Gordon on my staff at (505) 827-2934.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Burkhart
Director
Environmental Improvement Division

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cc: Tanga Winkle, EPA Region VI (6H-HS)
Jack Ellvinger, Chief, Hazardous Waste Bureau
Robert Andreoli, WSMR Environmental Officer