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December 28, 2005

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND INTENT TO APPROVE A CLASS 3 PERMIT MODIFICATION TO RCRA PERMIT FOR CANNON AIR FORCE BASE**

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed is a **Public Notice** regarding the intent to approve a proposed Class 3 permit modification to the United States Air Force/Cannon Air Force Base's (**Permittee**) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit. The U.S. Air Force is owner and operator of Cannon Air Force Base. The Permittee is located at the following addresses: Cannon Air Force Base, 100 D.L. Ingram Boulevard, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico 88103-5214.

The enclosed Public Notice provides locations where the administrative record, including the Permit Modification Request, Fact Sheet/Statement of Basis, and related documents for this action can be reviewed, and provides procedures for submitting comments and requesting a Public Hearing. Comments and requests for Public Hearing will be received through **5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2006.**

Any person seeking additional information regarding this notice may contact:

Mr. John E. Kieling, Program Manager  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1  
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RE: CAFB – NFAs (December 28, 2005)

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Sincerely,

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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 05-17**

**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
December 28, 2005

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND INTENT TO APPROVE A PERMIT  
MODIFICATION TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE/CANNON AIR FORCE BASE'S  
RCRA PERMIT**

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (Section 74-4-1 *et seq.*, NMSA 1978, as amended, 1992) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20.4.1 NMAC), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) can approve or deny hazardous waste permits, closure plans, permit modifications, and amendments. Under this authority, NMED intends to approve, pending public input into this decision, a modification to the RCRA permit issued to the United States Air Force/Cannon Air Force Base (Permittee), New Mexico, EPA ID# NM7572124454.

Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) is located in Curry County, New Mexico, approximately seven mile west of the City of Clovis and 15 miles north of the City of Portales. CAFB covers approximately 4,320 acres of land in the Southern High Plains Physiographic Province. No streams exist on or near CAFB. Running Water Draw and Frio Draw, located approximately 10 and 20 miles north of CABF, respectively, are the nearest streams. The majority of land surrounding CAFB is irrigated farmland and grazing land for beef and dairy cattle. CAFB dates to 1929, when Portair Field, a civilian passenger terminal, was established. In 1942, the Army Air Corps took control of the airfield and it became Clovis Army Air Base. In 1957, the Base became a permanent installation and was renamed Cannon Air Force Base. The primary mission of CABF has remained unchanged since 1965; to develop and maintain an F-111 tactical fighter wing capable of day, night, and all-weather combat operations and to provide replacement training of combat aircrews for tactical operations worldwide.

CAFB was issued a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit, which incorporated corrective action requirements, on December 17, 1989 by Region 6 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The RCRA permit was renewed in October 2003 as a Corrective Action-only permit.

The Permittee is located at the following address: Cannon Air Force Base, 100 D.L. Ingram Boulevard, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico 88103-5214. The Permittee's primary contact for the action is: Colonel John D. Posner, Commander 27<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, 100 D.L. Ingram Boulevard, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico 88103-5214.

If approved, the proposed modification would grant No-Further-Action (NFA) status for thirty-two (32) SWMUs/AOCs (see list below). Table 1 in Attachment 1 of CAFB's RCRA Permit, lists SWMUs at the

CAFB facility where corrective action may be necessary to characterize and/or remediate past releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous waste constituents. If this modification is approved by NMED, the 32 SWMUs/AOCs would be transferred from Table 1 in Attachment 1 to Table 2 of Attachment 1 as SWMUs/AOCs that do not currently requiring corrective action.

NMED's approval of the SWMUs/AOCs proposed for NFA by the Permittee is on the basis that they have been characterized or remediated in accordance with current applicable state and/or federal regulations, and the available data indicate that contaminants pose an acceptable level of risk under current and projected future land use (Criterion 5).

**The following SWMUs and AOCs are the subject regarding this action:**

1) SWMU 1, Oil/Water Separator No. 119; 2) SWMU 3, Oil Water Separator No. 103; 3) SWMU 5, Oil/Water Separator No. 121; 4) SWMU 7, Oil/Water Separator No. 129; 5) SWMU 8, Oil/Water Separator No. 165; 6) SWMU 9, Aircraft Washrack Drain System; 7) SWMU 11, Oil/Water Separator No. 107; 8) SWMU 16, Oil/Water Separator No. 680; 9) SWMU 32A, Oil/Water Separator No. 186 (#1 - East); 10) SWMU 33B, Oil/Water Separator No. 186 (#2 - West); 11) SWMU 38, Oil/Water Separator No. 194; 12) SWMU 39, Oil/Water Separator No. 195; 13) SWMU 46, Oil/Water Separator No. 196; 14) SWMU 47, Oil/Water Separator No. 494; 15) SWMU 48B, Aboveground Overflow Capacity Tank; 16) SWMU 51, Oil/Water Separator No. 375; 17) SWMU 55, Lead Acid Battery Accumulation Point; 18) SWMU 57, Oil/Water Separator No. 379; 19) SWMUs 61, 62, and 63, Sand Trap 5077A and 5077B, and Oil/Water Separator 5077C; 20) SWMU 74, Landfill No. 1; 21) SWMU 76, Sludge Weathering Pit (WP-14); 22) SWMU 83, Sump; 23) SWMU 92, Oil/Water Separator No. 5120; 24) SWMU 93, Oil/Water Separator No. 5121; 25) SWMU 94, Oil/Water Separator No. 5144; 26) SWMU 113, Landfill 5; 27) AOC D, Asbestos Burial Pit; 28) AOC E, Runway Rubble Pile; 29) AOC F, Calibration Target Berm; 30) AOC G, Disturbed Area-North Housing Site; 31) AOC H, Disturbed Area-South Housing Site; and 32) DP-33, Drum Disposal Pit.

**PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD**

The Administrative Record for this proposed action consists of the CAFB Permit Modification Request, Fact Sheet/Statement of Basis, this Public Notice, the October 2003 Permit that consists of the Tables 1 and 2, and the referenced supporting documentation. The Administrative Record may be reviewed at the following location during the public comment period:

NMED – Hazardous Waste Bureau  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303  
(505) 428-2500  
*Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

The CAFB Permit Modification Request, the Fact Sheet / Statement of Basis, the Public Notice, and the draft Permit may be reviewed at the following locations during the public comment period:

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Clovis-Carver Public Library  
701 North Main Street  
Clovis, New Mexico 88101  
Phone 505-769-7840  
library@cityofclovis.org

A copy of the Fact Sheet/Statement of Basis, the Public Notice, and the October 2003 Permit that contains Tables 1 and 2 in Attachment 1 are also available electronically on the NMED website at: [www.nmenv.state.nm.us/HWB/kafbperm.html](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/HWB/kafbperm.html) under No Further Actions. To obtain a copy of the Administrative Record or a portion thereof, in addition to further information please contact Ms. Pam Allen at (505) 428-2531, or at the address given above. NMED will provide copies, or portions thereof, of the administrative record at a cost to the requestor.

NMED issues this public notice on **December 28, 2005**, to announce the beginning of a 45-day comment period that will end at **5:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2006**. Any person who wishes to comment on this action or request a public hearing should submit written or electronic mail (e-mail) comment(s) with the commenter's name and address to the respective address below. Only comments and/or requests received on or before **5:00 p.m., February 13, 2006**, will be considered.

John E. Kieling, Program Manager  
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Written comments must be based on the administrative record. Documents in the administrative record need not be re-submitted if expressly referenced by the commenter. Requests for a public hearing shall provide: (1) a clear and concise factual statement of the nature and scope of the interest of the person requesting the hearing; (2) the name and address of all persons whom the requestor represents; (3) a statement of any objections to the proposed action, including specific references; and (4) a statement of the issues which such persons proposes to raise for consideration at the hearing. Written comment and requests for Public Hearing must be filed with Mr. John Kieling on or before **5:00 p.m., February 13, 2006**. The NMED will provide a thirty (30) day notice of a public hearing, if scheduled.

The NMED must ensure that the approved final Permit is consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. All written comments submitted on the draft Permit will become part of the administrative record, will be considered in formulating a final decision, and may cause the draft Permit to be modified. NMED will respond in writing to all significant public comment. The response will specify which provisions, if any, of the draft Permit have been changed in the final Permit decision, and the reasons for the change. This response will also be posted on the NMED website in addition to NMED notifying all persons providing written comments.

After consideration of all written public comments received, NMED will issue, or modify and issue, the Permit. If NMED modifies and issues the Permit, the Permittee shall be provided by mail a copy of the modified Permit and a detailed written statement of reasons for the modifications. The NMED Secretary will make the final Permit decision publicly available and shall notify the Permittee by certified mail. The Secretary's decision shall constitute a final agency decision and may be appealed as provided by the Hazardous Waste Act. All persons on the mailing list, or that provided written comments, or who requested notification in writing, will be notified of the final decision by mail.

The final decision will become effective thirty days after service of the decision, unless a later date is specified or review is requested under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, 20.4.1 NMAC, Section 901.E., *Hearings*.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Persons having a disability and requiring assistance or auxiliary aid to participate in this process should contact Judy Bentley at the New Mexico Environment Department, Personnel Services Bureau, P.O. Box 26110, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502, telephone 505-827-9872. TDY users please access her number via the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-8331.