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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF RCRA PERMIT OPEN DETONATION TREATMENT UNIT APPLICATION, HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed is a **Notice of Availability** regarding the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Open Detonation Treatment Unit Permit renewal application at Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB, the Permittee). HAFB is a Department of the Air Force, which is a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense. The Permittee is located at the following address: Holloman Air Force Base, 49 CES/CEV, 550 Tabosa Avenue, Holloman AFB, NM 88330-8277.

The enclosed Notice provides locations where the administrative record, including the Permit Renewal Application, can be reviewed.

Any person seeking additional information regarding this notice or the draft permit may contact:

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NOTICE OF PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR OPEN DETONATION TREATMENT UNIT
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID No. NM9570042243

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). In January 1996, the State of New Mexico was authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program for HSWA, which imposes additional corrective action requirements on hazardous waste management facilities for releases to the environment.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (HWA; NMSA 1978 §74-4-1 *et. seq.*) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20.4.1 NMAC), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) can approve, approve with conditions, or deny hazardous waste management and closure plan applications, permit modifications, amendments, and reapplications. Under this authority, NMED hereby provides public notice of the following permit application submitted for renewal.

Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB) submitted a permit application on August 31, 2006. HAFB's current RCRA operating open detonation (OD) treatment unit Permit expires on March 4, 2007. Pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC, incorporating 40 C.F.R. §270.51(d), in a State with a hazardous waste program, if a Permittee has submitted a timely and complete application under applicable state law, the terms and conditions of the current RCRA operating permit continue in force beyond the expiration date of the permit until the effective date of the State's issuance or denial of a new RCRA permit.

HAFB comprises an area of approximately 50,700 acres (93 square miles). Holloman AFB was initiated as a temporary facility to provide gunnery and bomber training to air crews during World War II. The Base mission was altered in the postwar years to the development of unmanned aircraft, guided missiles, and associated equipment. In the late 1950s, the Base was transferred to the Air Force Systems Command (AFSC) and designated as the Air Force Missile Development Center. On 1 January 1971, the Base mission expanded to provide lead-in fighter training for the 479th Tactical Training Wing and its components.

Currently, Holloman AFB hosts the Air Combat Command (ACC) 49th Fighter Wing, which includes pilot training, mobility support, and combat support operations. The primary Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) component located at Holloman AFB is the 46th Test Group, which is responsible for evaluation of propulsion and navigational systems for aircraft, space vehicles and missiles. A variety of tenant organizations are assigned to

Holloman AFB including, but not limited to, the German Air Force Tornado Squadron, the 4th Space Surveillance Squadron, and Detachment 4 of the 55th Weather Squadron.

The HAFB OD explosives treatment unit, which is owned and operated by the U.S. Air Force, is located at the northern boundary of HAFB, approximately 15 miles from the HAFB entrance, in Otero County, south-central New Mexico.

The open detonation (OD) treatment unit is used to treat (i.e., detonate) a variety of reactive (D003) and ignitable (D001) ordnance, which include bulk explosives; damaged, defective, expired, and unserviceable munitions; explosive-contaminated wastes, incendiaries, propellants that have become waste because of exceedance of shelf-life, unanticipated deterioration, or failure to attain specifications that render the device non-serviceable hazardous wastes. These waste types are generated during mission and research and development activities.

Permit applicant. The contact name and address for the HAFB permit application is: Ms. Deborah Hartell, Chief, Environmental Flight, 49 CES/CEV, 550 Tabosa Avenue, Holloman AFB, NM 88330-8277.

Administrative Record. The Administrative Record for the HAFB RCRA permit application consists of the submitted permit application and all supporting documentation. The Administrative Record may be reviewed by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., located at the:

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For an appointment to review the permit application or other records related to this matter please contact Ms. Pam Allen at the address or phone number above. NMED will provide copies, or portions thereof, of the administrative record at a cost to the requestor.

Proposed Action. This notice is only intended to inform the public that the application has been submitted to the NMED and that it is available for public review; no action or decision is proposed by NMED at this time.

Public Comments. In accordance with 20.4.1.900.C(2), NMED notifies the public of its ability to review the HAFB Permit application and submit written comments, opinions and inquiries on them or to be put on facility mailing list. Any comments, opinions or inquiries should identify the name and address of the commentator and be submitted to: Mr. John Kieling, Program Manager, NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303. All comments will become part of the administrative record.