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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND INTENT TO APPROVE
THE SEPTEMBER 2013 AND OCTOBER 2014 CORRECTIVE ACTION
COMPLETE PROPOSALS AT CANNON AIR FORCE BASE IN CURRY
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Colonel Buono:

Enclosed is a Public Notice regarding the intent to approve the Permit Modification requesting Corrective Action Complete proposals for five sites at Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) in Curry County, New Mexico. CAFB is located approximately seven miles west of the City of Clovis, New Mexico and is at the following address: 110 East Alison Avenue, Suite 1098, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, 88103.

The enclosed Public Notice provides locations where the administrative record 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 April 29, 2016**.

Any person seeking additional information regarding this notice may contact:

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Sincerely,

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 16-02

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO February, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING ON DETERMINATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION COMPLETE AT FIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS AND ONE AREA OF CONCERN AT CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO, EPA ID NO. NM7572124454

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) proposes to make a determination of Corrective Action Complete (CAC) for four Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and one Area of Concern (AOC) at Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB), New Mexico. Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (Section 74-4-1 *et seq.*, New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978, as amended, 1992) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20.4.1 [New Mexico Administrative Code] NMAC), NMED intends to approve, pending public input into this decision, Class 3 permit modification requests (PMRs) received from the United States Air Force/Cannon Air Force Base (Permittee) for the Hazardous Waste Corrective Action-only Permit (Permit) pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR § 270.42(c)).

If approved, the proposed modifications would grant CAC status for four SWMUs and one AOC (SWMUs 71, 91, 101, 126 and AOC A, respectively) at the CAFB facility. Currently, Table 1 in Permit Attachment 1 of CAFB's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit lists SWMUs and AOCs at the CAFB facility where corrective action is necessary to characterize and remediate past releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous waste constituents. If this modification is approved by NMED, SWMU 101 will be transferred from Table 1 in Permit Attachment 1 to Table 2 that lists SWMUs and AOCs with the status of Corrective Action Complete with Controls. AOC A and SWMUs 71, 91, and 126 will be transferred from Table 1 in Permit Attachment 1 to Table 3 of Attachment 1 that lists SWMUs and AOCs with the status of Corrective Action Complete Without Controls. The CAC proposals are dated September 2013 and October 2014.

CAFB is located in Curry County, New Mexico, approximately seven miles 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 CAFB, respectively, are the closest streams to the Base. The majority of land surrounding CAFB is irrigated farmland and used for 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 known as Clovis Army Air Base. In 1957, the Base became a permanent installation and was renamed Cannon Air Force Base. In June 2006, it was announced that CAFB would transfer from the Air Combat Command to Air Force Special Operations Command.

The Permittee is located at the following address: Cannon Air Force Base, 110 East Alison Avenue, Suite 1098, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, 88103. The Permittee's primary contact for the action is: Colonel Douglas W. Gilpin, Commander, 27th Special Operations Mission Support Group at the address listed above.

NMED has determined that the sites listed above do not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment and proposes to approve the CAC Proposals.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

A copy of the administrative record may be reviewed at the following location:

NMED - Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303
Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Pam Allen
(505) 476-6000

A copy of the CAC Proposals, draft Permit, Fact Sheet, and public notice are also available on the NMED website at www.env.nm.gov/HWB/cafbperm.html. To obtain a copy of the administrative record or a portion thereof, or for further information, contact Mr. Dave Cobrain at (505) 476-6055 or at the address given below.

The 60-day public comment period begins on **February 29, 2016 and ends on April 29, 2016**. 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 address below. Only comments or requests received on or before **5:00 p.m. April 29, 2016** will be considered.

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Ref: Cannon Air Force Base, CAC requests dated September 2013 and October 2014
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Written comments must be based on the information available for review and include, to the extent practicable, all referenced factual materials. 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 requester represents; (3) a statement of any objections to the CAC proposals; and (4) a statement of the issues which the commenter proposes to raise for consideration at the hearing. NMED will provide a minimum of 30 days notice of a public hearing, if scheduled.

NMED must ensure that the approved CAC proposals are consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. All written comments submitted will be considered in formulating a final decision and may result in NMED modifying or disapproving the CAC proposals. NMED will respond in writing to all public comments received. This response will specify which provisions, if any, of the CAC proposals have been changed in the final decision and the reasons for the change, and will provide a brief description of all public comments. All persons presenting written comments or who request notification in writing will be notified of the decision by mail. The final decision will also be posted on the NMED website.

After consideration of all the written public comments received, NMED will approve, modify, or disapprove the permit modification. If NMED modifies or disapproves the permit modification, NMED will provide to the Permittee a copy of the modified draft permit and a detailed written statement containing the reasons for the modifications or disapproval by mail.

NMED will make the final decision publicly available and will notify the Permittee by certified mail. The final decision will constitute a final agency decision and may be appealed as provided by the Hazardous Waste Bureau.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Any person with a disability and requiring assistance or auxiliary aid to participate in this process should contact J.C. Borrego, NMED, Room S-4303, P.O. Box 5469, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502-6110, TDD or TDY users please access Mr. Borrego's number via the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-8331.