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Re: Open Burn Unit, Kirtland Air Force Base, EPA ID# NM9570024423, Permit #
NM9570024423-OB

Dear Mr Vollmer

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement between the Water and Waste Management Division of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and United States Air Force, Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) regarding Compliance Order HWB-09-00, Section V.13.a and VII.19.e, KAFB is submitting a revised closure plan for the KAFB Open Burn Unit, Permit# NM9570024423-OB. As per NMED direction in an 18 November 2009 letter to KAFB, the revised closure plan is being submitted as a Class 3 modification request to Permit #NM9570024423-OB, Module II, Attachment F.

The open burn unit at Kirtland AFB is permitted by the NMED under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to treat hazardous waste by open burning and was granted permitted authority on 26 July 1995. In December of 2005, Kirtland AFB submitted a permit renewal application to continue operation of the open burn unit as well as the adjacent open detonation unit (Permit # NM9570024423-OD). The NMED issued a draft permit in April 2007 for the two treatment units, which is currently pending completion by the NMED. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the open burn unit is no longer in operation, and the NMED is removing authorization for all requirements to operate the open burn unit from the draft permit before it is issued.

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The revised open burn unit closure plan includes provisions for the removal of the open burn unit's steel container, concrete base, and concrete walls. Because the adjacent open detonation unit will continue operation, only partial closure of the open burn unit is proposed. All final sampling and monitoring requirements have been removed from the open burn unit closure plan, and are reflected in the open detonation unit closure plan. Therefore, a revised open detonation unit closure plan is also being submitted as a Class 3 modification request to Permit# NM9570024423-OD.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John S. Pike, Natural Resource Management Chief, at (505) 846-8546.

Sincerely



MICHAEL S. DUVALL, Colonel, USAF
Commander

Attachments:

1. Revised Closure Plan, Permit# NM9570024423-OB
2. Revised Closure Plan, Permit# NM9570024423-OD

cc:

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