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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND INTENT TO APPROVE A CLASS 3 PERMIT MODIFICATION TO RCRA PERMIT FOR HOLLOMAN 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/Holloman Air Force Base's **(Permittee)** Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit. The U.S. Air Force is owner and operator of Holloman Air Force Base. The Permittee is located at the following addresses: 550 Tabosa Avenue, Holloman Air Force Base, NM 88330-8458.

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 **November 15, 2005**.

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

Mr. Cornelius Amindyas
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Hazardous Waste Bureau, District 1
Albuquerque, NM 87109
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Sincerely,

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NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU
Santa Fe, New Mexico
September 30, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND INTENT TO APPROVE A PERMIT MODIFICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HOLLOMAN 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/Holloman Air Force Base (the Permittee), New Mexico, EPA ID# NM6572124422.

Holloman Air Force Base (the Base) is located on approximately 59,827 acres of land about seven miles west of the City of Alamogordo in Otero County, south central New Mexico. The Base lands are situated in the northern Chihuahua Desert in the region known as Tularosa Basin, which is bound on the east and west by the Sacramento and San Andres Mountains, respectively. The Base is located adjacent to White Sands Missile Range and White Sands National Monument, both located west of the Base. Regional water supplies are derived from Bonito Lake, located approximately 60 miles north of the Base and the Boles, Douglas, and San Andres Well Fields, which are located 14 miles to the southeast.

Currently, Holloman AFB hosts the Air Combat Command 49th Fighter Wing, which includes pilot training, mobility support, and combat support operation. The primary Air Force Material Command 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 such as the German Air Force Tornado Squadron, the 4th Space Surveillance Squadron, and Detachment 4 of the 55th Weather Squadron.

The Permittee is located at the following address: Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. The Permittee's primary contact for the action is: Ms. Debbie Hartell, Chief, Environmental Flight, 550 Tabosa Avenue, Holloman AFB, NM 88330-8458.

If approved, the proposed modification would grant No-Further-Action (NFA) status for six (6) SWMUs and one (1) AOC. Appendix 4-A, Table A in Part 4 of HAFB's RCRA Permit, lists SWMUs at the HAFB facility where corrective action may be necessary to characterize and/or remediate past releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous waste constituents. If this modification were approved by NMED, the 7 SWMUs/AOCs would be transferred from Table A to Table B of the same Appendix, as SWMUs/AOCs that have been approved for NFA.

Five of the SWMUs and one AOC are proposed for NFA by the Permittee on the basis that they were characterized and/or remediated in accordance with current applicable State or Federal Regulations. One of the SWMUs (106) is proposed for NFA on the basis that it was remediated under another agency (the Solid Waste Bureau) of the same Department.

The following SWMUs/AOC are the subject regarding this action: 1) SWMU 139, Lake Holloman; 2) SWMU 140, Lake Stinky; 3) SWMU 166, MOBSS Drainage Lagoon; 4) FST-837, German Air Force Buildings 837 & 839 Septic Tank; 5) SWMU 106, Main Base Landfill; 6) SWMU DP-62, Rita's Draw Debris Disposal Site; and 7) SMWU 136, Building 1119 Wash Rack Drainage Pit.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

The Administrative Record for this proposed action consists of the HAFB Permit Modification Request letter, Fact Sheet/Statement of Basis, this Public Notice, the draft Permit modification that consists of the proposed changes in Tables A and B, 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 HAFB Permit Modification Request, the Fact Sheet / Statement of Basis, the Public Notice, and the draft Permit modification may be reviewed at the following locations during the public comment period:

NMED-District 1 Albuquerque Office
5500 San Antonio Avenue NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
(505) 222-9500
Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Alamogordo Public Library
920 Oregon Street
Alamogordo, NM 88330
(505) 439-4140
Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A copy of the Fact Sheet / Statement of Basis, the Public Notice, and the draft Permit that consists of the proposed Tables A and B are also available on the NMED website at

www.nmenv.state.nm.us/HWB/hafbperm.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 issued this public notice on **September 30, 2005** to announce the beginning of a 45-day comment period that will end at **5:00 p.m., November 15, 2005**. 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., November 15, 2005** 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., November 15, 2005**. 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.