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Mr. Art Vollmer  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1  
Santa Fe NM 87505-6303

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 the United States Air Force, Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) regarding Compliance Order HWB-09-00, Sections V.13.b and VII.19.b, KAFB is submitting this letter to withdraw our request for continued operation of the KAFB Open Burn Unit, Permit# NM9570024423-OB. Furthermore, KAFB requests that the draft permit currently pending before the NMED for permit renewal be revised to reflect the withdrawal of the request for continued operation of the Open Burn Unit. KAFB's Open Burn Unit has not been utilized for a hazardous waste treatment operation since May 2008 and KAFB will not conduct any further operations employing the Open Burn Unit post this notification. The Open Burn Unit has been posted "CLOSED" and has been chained to prevent entry and use (see Attachment 1 photo).

The Open Burn Unit at KAFB 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, KAFB 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.

A revised closure plan, in accordance with the requirements of the Settlement Agreement, is being developed by KAFB for submission to the NMED supporting the pending draft permit. KAFB requests that the draft permit currently pending before the NMED for the open burn and

open detonation units be revised to reflect the withdrawal of KAFB's request for the continued operation of the open burn unit and employ the revised closure plan under development.

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

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Duvall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent.

MICHAEL S. DUVALL, Colonel, USAF  
Commander

Attachment:  
Photo of Open Burn Unit

cc:  
J. Bearzi, NMED Waste and Water Management Division  
D. Fort, HQ AFMC/A7AI

**Attachment 1: Photo of Open Burn Unit**

