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Mr. James Bearzi  
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New Mexico Environment Department  
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Dear Mr. Bearzi

Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) is resubmitting the revised closure plan for the KAFB Open Burn Unit, in accordance with your letter dated 17 May 2010. The revised closure plan is being submitted as a Class 3 modification request to Permit# NM9570024423-OB, Module II, attachment F. Public notice of this modification request is being made, and proof of this notice will be provided to you within the next 30 days.

The open burn unit at KAFB is permitted by the New Mexico Environment Department (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. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement between the Water and Waste Management Division of the NMED and United States Air Force, KAFB regarding Compliance Order HWB-09-00, Section V.13.a and VII.19.e, 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.

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 KAFB will continue operations at the adjacent open detonation unit, 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 incorporated into the open detonation unit closure plan. Therefore, a revised open detonation unit closure plan is also being resubmitted as a Class 3 modification request to Permit # NM9570024423-OD.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Pike, Environmental Sustainability Chief, at (505) 853-3481.

Sincerely

  
ROBERT L. MANESS, Colonel, USAF  
Commander

Attachments:

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

cc:

- A. Vollmer, NMED Waste and Water Management Division
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