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**RE: Fort Wingate Depot Activity
No Further Action Proposal - Former Missile Test Sites**

Dear Phillip:

I have reviewed this NFA document, dated 13 July, 1998, and found it acceptable. As part of this review, I have also looked over related EPA comments, dated 12 September, 1995, to the RI/FS report. Those comments have already been adequately addressed. And I noted that the EPA concurred with the July 1993 report, "Property Transfer Investigation of the Southern Property, Igloo Blocks, and the Three (3) Former Ballistic Missile Sites, final report."

With these factors in mind, and with the benefit of having actually inspected these sites, I have no concerns with the environmental status of the Former Missile Test Sites. It seems that the only remaining environmental hurdle for the transfer of the Southern Property is the verified clearance of the areas adjacent to the OB/OD Area.

You can of course call me at (214) 665-2196 if you have any questions for me on this subject.

Sincerely,

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