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**RE: Comment Responses on Ft. Wingate Depot Interim Status
Closure Plan**

Dear Mr. Solano:

We have reviewed the Army's latest revision of its Final Fort Wingate Depot Activity RCRA Interim Status Closure Plan submitted December 19, 1996, in strikeout/redline format. The Field Sampling Plan (FSP) and the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for this closure plan have not yet been received in this format but we have reviewed the change pages for these documents which were submitted October 25, 1996.

We have had one unresolved significant concern with the Army's responses to our comments on the closure plan as noted in our November 27, 1996, letter to you. This one concern was related to our Comment No. 9 in which we questioned soil screening levels for four metals. Based on information provided to us in conference calls and written responses on the toxicity information, method of screening level calculation, and supporting technical information, the Army has now justified these screening levels to our satisfaction. These screening levels will also apply in Fort Wingate's RI/FS program. This issue resolution should not require changes to the current closure plan document.

We find that all of our significant concerns with the closure plan have now been addressed to our satisfaction, assuming that we find no objectionable recent changes to the imminent strikeout/redline version of the FSP and the QAPP.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist in review of these closure documents. If you have any questions concerning this letter, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact Mr. Chuck Hendrickson, of my staff, at (214) 665-2196.

Sincerely yours,


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