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Attn: Ms. Michelle Ensey
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Dear Mr. Pappas:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (EPA Region 6) is considering issuing a *Synthetic Minor Source* air permit to The Pueblo of Sandia Resort and Casino ("Sandia") for criteria air pollutants. The proposed synthetic minor source air permit would allow for continued operation of three existing emergency reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE), seventeen boilers and three diesel storage tanks and the construction of two new emergency ICE and three new diesel storage tanks at their existing hotel resort facility. The facility is located at 30 Rainbow Road N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico (Latitude 35°12'23.32"N, Longitude 106°33'59.04"W).

In support of its application, the Pueblo of Sandia provided EPA with an October 19, 1995 cultural resources report that was prepared by Dr. Henry Walt prior to the construction of the resort and casino. The area surveyed in the report covers what is now a hotel, casino, parking area, and golf course. The now existing buildings of the casino are where the newly permitted equipment is located or will be installed, as described above (enclosed). Although the facilities are now constructed, the 1995 field survey indicated the presence of eighteen (18) isolated occurrences, thirteen (13) of which were cairns or cairn complexes, none of which were recommended to be eligible for listing on the National Register.

Based upon the information provided in the cultural resources report (enclosed) and the fact that EPA is permitting the operation of equipment within existing facilities, EPA Region 6 has determined that issuance of the permit to Sandia will not affect properties on or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register. We now request your concurrence with our determination for this undertaking within 30 days.



Thank you in advance for your expeditious evaluation of this request. In the interim, please feel free to contact Alfred C. "AC" Dumaul, at (214) 665-6613, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Robinson
Chief
Air Permits Section

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Frank Chaves
Environmental Director
The Pueblo of Sandia Resort and Casino