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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD; PERMIT FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL; AREA 6,
HYDROCARBON BURDENED SOIL**

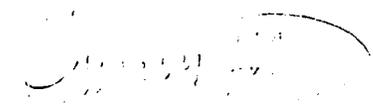
The discrepancies identified in the Evaluation of Merits
have been resolved and a tentative decision to issue permit
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has been made. A notice has been published in the Las Vegas
Review Journal, inviting comments from the public. You and your
staff may submit comments or suggestions in the same manner as
other members of the public, as presented in the PUBLIC NOTICE OF
INTENT TO ISSUE A PERMIT FOR A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE (copy
attached) and in the FACT SHEET AND TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS
REGARDING SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AT THE NEVADA TEST SITE (copy
attached). A copy of the draft permit is also attached.

The 30 day period for public participation begins on 18
April 1997 and ends 30 calendar days later. The minimum 30 day
period may, at the discretion of the Administrator, be extended
to assure adequate opportunity for preparation of comments.

Any question regarding these matters should be first
directed to Harry van Drielen at 486-2867.

Respectfully,


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