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Dear Mr Blankenship

Kirtland has recently become aware of a possible hazardous waste disposal site on base. The site is located on the south side of Building 1008, along the base flight line. Currently available information indicates that a paint stripper containing methylene chloride and phenol was used outdoors and allowed to drip into the soil.

Navy personnel who operate the site have informed Environmental Management that approximately 24 gallons of stripper have been used in this manner since the winter of 1986. The practice has been stopped and soil samples were collected.

The initial sample analytical results identified the presence of both phenol and methylene chloride in the soil at the site. However, a background sample also indicated the presence of the same constituents and we feel that either a sampling or analytical error may have occurred. As a result, we have resampled and are currently awaiting the analysis results from these samples.

If contamination of the site by hazardous waste is confirmed, Kirtland will conduct a complete investigation of the extent of contamination. When completed, all information generated as a result of the investigation will be submitted to EID. If you should have any questions, please contact Mr John Gould at 846-2773.

Sincerely

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