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**Kirtland Air Force Base Investigates
Jet Fuel Releases to Groundwater**

(Santa Fe, NM) - The New Mexico Environment Department has received additional plans from Kirtland Air Force Base regarding cleanup and investigation of jet fuel discharges at the Base's Bulk Fuels Facility.

The recent addendum to the cleanup plan, pending review by the New Mexico Environment Department, proposes to install one groundwater monitoring well and four deep soil borings. Groundwater and soil samples will be collected and analyzed to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of contamination and whether groundwater has been impacted by the jet fuel release.

The discharges of two kinds of jet fuel, JP-4 and JP-8, occurred from leaks from the pipelines at the facility. The amount of discharged jet fuels is unknown, but inventory records from 1996 through the present indicate a total net loss of 157,353 gallons of jet fuel.

Specific cleanup measures, to be performed in a Stage 2 Abatement Plan, will be determined after completion of the Stage 1 investigation.

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