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August 25, 2008

Mr. Wayne Bitner
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**RE: ST-106 AND NEWLY DISCOVERED RELEASE: HONEYWELL SITE
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM9570024423**

Dear Mr. Bitner:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has been made aware of a potential new Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU), hereafter referred to as the "Honeywell Site," where aircraft that were flown through radioactive debris clouds generated from nuclear weapons detonations were washed to remove radioactive contamination. NMED personnel learned of this site, located south-southwest of ST-106 (Bulk Fuels Spill), through correspondence from NMED's Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB), dated July 29, 2008, addressed to Mr. John Pike. NMED understands that washing these aircraft may have involved use of solvents.

NMED understands that Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) is working with personnel of the GWQB to remediate the ST-106 Bulk Fuels Spill soil plume, groundwater phase separated hydrocarbon plume, and dissolved-constituent groundwater plume near the fuel offloading rack and that GWQB has been the technical lead for NMED in that effort. In a previous letter addressed to Mr. John Pike, dated June 11, 2007, HWB stated that as long as KAFB is meeting the requirements as directed by the GWQB for conducting corrective action, such cooperation will be considered to be compliant with corrective action under the Hazardous Waste Act and KAFB's hazardous waste permit.

As a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility, KAFB, is subject to the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR) at 20.4.1 NMAC. Notification



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and corrective action for newly identified releases at SWMUs are required by Module IV, Section G of KAFB's RCRA Permit issued under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (HWA) and the HWMR.

KAFB must therefore provide NMED with a SWMU Assessment Report (SAR) for the Honeywell Site within 60 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. William McDonald of my staff at (505) 222-9582.

Sincerely,



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