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Colonel John Kubinec
Base Commander
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Kirtland Air Force Base
NM 87117-5606

Re: Water Authority Resolution R-12-14

Dear Colonel Kubinec:

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) Governing Board continues to demonstrate its commitment to the Water Authority's rate payers and the protection of our shared water resources with the passage of Resolution R-12-14 at their January 16th, 2013 meeting.

This legislation, which is enclosed for your records, directs the Water Authority to continue the negotiations already under way between the Water Authority and Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) in the pursuit of preserving our basin's aquifer. Fortunately, progress has been made towards most of this resolution's goals, such as plans for siting and drilling new monitoring wells closer to the Ridgecrest well with the assistance of the U.S. Geological Survey, and contingency planning efforts being undertaken by our respective staffs. We expect that these efforts will culminate with the development of options that the Water Authority can pursue to deal with the possible loss of a production well downgradient of the plume, and an agreement outlining the related costs to be borne by KAFB.

This resolution builds on R-12-13 by urging KAFB to complete the containment of the light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) plume as directed by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in 2010. It is crucial for the restoration of the aquifer that the movement and dissolution of the LNAPL plume be mitigated before dynamic hydrologic factors make success even more complicated and expensive to attain.

The Water Authority appreciates the cooperation and commitment from KAFB to work with and support the activities related to characterizing the plume and the contingency plan. We look forward to hearing how KAFB and NMED will meet the goal of LNAPL containment.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Sanchez
Executive Director



Colonel John Kubinec
Base Commander
Kirtland Air Force Base
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Enclosure

C: Senator Martin Heinrich, U.S. Senate
Senator Tom Udall, U.S. Senate
Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham, U.S. House of Representatives
Assistant Secretary Terry Yonkers, U.S. Air Force
Colonel Jeffrey Lanning, Kirtland Air Force Base
Linda Weiss, U.S. Geological Survey
Secretary F. David Martin, New Mexico Environment Department
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Trustee Pablo R. Rael, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque

1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF January, 2013

2 BY A VOTE OF: 4 FOR 3 AGAINST.

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5 Yes: Garduño, O'Malley, Sanchez, Hart Stebbins

6 No: De La Cruz, Jones, Perry

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Art De La Cruz, Chair

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21 Mark S. Sanchez, Executive Director

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1 to implement treatment technology to save the City's highly productive Ridgecrest and
2 other drinking water wells from the dissolved EDB plume:

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:

4 Section 1. That in order to protect the public health and environment, the City
5 of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County through its Water Utility Authority act immediately
6 to enter into negotiations with the Air Force for emergency measures:

7 A. To save Albuquerque's drinking water resource;

8 B. To place groundwater monitoring as close as possible to the Ridgecrest
9 municipal wells;

10 C. To begin the investigation for technologies and installation of water treatment
11 facilities for the wells including financial assurance;

12 D. To halt the further movement of the liquid LNAPL jet fuel;

13 E. To plan for and implement remediation technology to address the long-term
14 contamination of soils and the aquifer.

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