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Dear Mr. Blaine

We received your letter dated 24 April 2014 expressing the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) concern over the Air Force's performance, through its Contractor CB&I (formerly known as Shaw Environmental), in their investigation and remediation of the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) bulk fuels facility spill.

Upon receipt of your letter, we reviewed documents submitted to the NMED as part of the Kirtland Bulk Fuel Facility plume remediation project, as well as comments received on documents from NMED. Your letter indicates "...work product submissions have not been technically adequate, maps have been mislabeled, tables have contained errors, permitting implications of proposed actions have not been considered, and there has been an overall lack of attention to detail ..." and CB&I's performance has been "sub-par". We found two documented instances of critical review comments during our review of the Administrative Record, which appear to be resolved.

The Air Force is committed to providing the quality documentation required for evaluation/approval to implement both the interim measures and the final remedy for the Kirtland Bulk Fuel Facility plume remediation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, contracting agency for the CB&I contract, will contact you for a meeting to define the specific complaints raised in your 24 April 2014 letter, so appropriate action can be taken to resolve your concerns on contractor performance quality.

We are committed to protecting the water supply, and look forward to your continued assistance and regulatory direction as we move forward with remediating the fuel release.

Sincerely

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Base Civil Engineer

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