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Ms. Debbie O'Malley, Governing Board Chair
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Via email: District1@bernco.gov


Dear Ms. O'Malley:

The intent of this letter is to confirm and emphasize to the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Users Authority ("ABCWUA") the New Mexico Environment Department's ("NMED") continued concern regarding the Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuel Facility plume. NMED is fully committed to ensuring that the United States Air Force fulfill its responsibility to expeditiously clean up the contamination at Kirtland Air Force Base as required by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"). In carrying out NMED's regulatory responsibilities under RCRA, NMED intends to coordinate and cooperate with ABCWUA to the fullest extent allowable by law. Specifically, NMED is committed to collaborating with ABCWUA on technical matters related to clean-up activities whenever possible, including the sharing of scientific data and information in a timely manner. Similarly, NMED is open to discussing any technical resources that ABCWUA may be able to provide in relation to the ongoing corrective action efforts, such as auxiliary modeling analyses.

As the primary regulated public water system in and around the area of clean-up, ABCWUA is a valuable stakeholder in this matter, and NMED management and staff appreciate your commitment to protecting public health and the environment. In working together, NMED's goal is to diminish the clean-up timeframe associated with this RCRA corrective action for the benefit of the community most directly impacted.

If you have any suggestions on how we can communicate and collaborate more efficiently or effectively, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stringer, Resource Protection Division Director, at (505) 827-2814 or stephanie.stringer@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,


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