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SENATE MEMORIAL 2

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

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EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE POSITIVE WORK THAT THE KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, THE CITY AND THE STATE HAVE DONE IN PARTNERSHIP TO CLEAN GROUND WATER IMPACTED BY THE BULK FUEL FACILITY SPILL AND RECOGNIZING THE CONTINUING NEED FOR ADDITIONAL WORK.

WHEREAS, the bulk fuel facility on Kirtland air force base in Albuquerque is located in the northwestern portion of the base; and

WHEREAS, the facility and associated infrastructure operated from 1953 until 1999, during which time the fueling area was separated into a tank holding area, where bulk shipments of fuel were received, and a fuel loading area, where individual fuel trucks were filled; and

WHEREAS, Kirtland air force base removed the facility from service in 1999 due to line leakage; and

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1           WHEREAS, the exact history of the leaks or releases is  
2 unknown, and initially it was thought that the leaks only  
3 affected surface soil; and

4           WHEREAS, investigations between 2004 and 2007 demonstrated  
5 that the leaked fuel had reached the ground water table; and

6           WHEREAS, Kirtland air force base installed the first soil  
7 vapor extraction unit in 2003 to begin treating soil  
8 contamination related to the fuel spill and continued from 2004  
9 to 2007; and

10          WHEREAS, in 2007, fuel was detected in the ground water  
11 table off the air force base and additional vapor extraction  
12 units were installed at various points above the fuel plume;  
13 and

14          WHEREAS, further investigation shows that the fuel  
15 contamination has migrated north of Kirtland air force base;  
16 and

17          WHEREAS, in order to comply with the department of  
18 environment's hazardous waste bureau requirements and to  
19 understand the extent of contamination and how far  
20 contamination has migrated from the original site, additional  
21 ground water and soil vapor monitoring wells are being  
22 installed both on and off the base; and

23          WHEREAS, new wells will be installed in the Siesta Hills  
24 and Elder Homestead neighborhoods in the next few months, and  
25 these wells will be sampled quarterly to fill in information

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1 gaps so a final remedy can be identified to address the fuel  
2 leak;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
4 OF NEW MEXICO that appreciation be expressed for the positive  
5 work that the air force, the city and the state have done in  
6 partnership to clean ground water and for the community's and  
7 neighbors' patience during the testing phase; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parties be requested to  
9 continue their cooperative work until every last drop of ground  
10 water and every last air vapor is ameliorated; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the secretary of the United States air force,  
13 the secretary of defense, the New Mexico congressional  
14 delegation, the secretary of environment and the mayor of  
15 Albuquerque.