

1 A MEMORIAL

2 EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE POSITIVE WORK THAT THE
3 KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, THE ALBUQUERQUE-BERNALILLO COUNTY
4 WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND THE
5 STATE HAVE DONE IN PARTNERSHIP TO CLEAN GROUND WATER IMPACTED
6 BY THE BULK FUEL FACILITY SPILL AND RECOGNIZING THE
7 CONTINUING NEED FOR ADDITIONAL WORK.

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9 WHEREAS, the bulk fuel facility on Kirtland air force
10 base in Bernalillo county, adjacent to Albuquerque, is
11 located in the northwestern portion of the base; and

12 WHEREAS, the facility and associated infrastructure has
13 been in operation since 1952, during which time the fueling
14 area was separated into a tank holding area, where bulk
15 shipments of fuel were received, and a fuel loading area,
16 where individual fuel trucks were filled; and

17 WHEREAS, Kirtland air force base removed the fuel
18 loading area from service in 2000 due to line leakage; and

19 WHEREAS, the exact history of the leaks or releases is
20 unknown, and initially it was thought that the leaks only
21 affected the zone above the water table; and

22 WHEREAS, investigations in 2007 demonstrated that the
23 leaked fuel had reached the water table; and

24 WHEREAS, Kirtland air force base installed the first
25 soil vapor extraction unit in 2003 to begin treating soil

1 contamination related to the fuel spill and continued from
2 2004 to the present; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2007, fuel was detected in the ground water
4 table off the air force base and additional vapor extraction
5 units were installed at various points above the fuel plume;
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7 WHEREAS, further investigation shows that the fuel
8 contamination has migrated north of Kirtland air force base;
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10 WHEREAS, in order to comply with the department of
11 environment's hazardous waste management regulations and to
12 understand the extent of contamination, including how far
13 contamination has migrated from the original site, ground
14 water and soil vapor monitoring wells have been installed
15 both on and off the base; and

16 WHEREAS, new wells will be installed in the Siesta Hills
17 and Elder Homestead neighborhoods, and these wells will be
18 sampled quarterly to fill in information gaps so a final
19 remedy can be identified to address the fuel leak;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that appreciation be expressed for the
22 positive work that the air force, the Albuquerque-Bernalillo
23 county water utility authority, the city of Albuquerque and
24 the state have done in partnership to clean ground water and
25 for the community's and neighbors' patience during the

1 testing phase; and

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

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the secretary of the United States air force,
7 the secretary of defense, the New Mexico congressional
8 delegation, the secretary of environment, the mayor of
9 Albuquerque and the executive director of the
10 Albuquerque-Bernalillo county water utility authority. _____

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