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**Subject: Water Protection Advisory Board Concerns Regarding the Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuels Facility Jet Fuel Leak Project and Technical Stakeholder Involvement**

Dear [Title Last]:

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The Water Protection Advisory Board's (WPAB) purpose is to study and advise the City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority), and Bernalillo County on effective protection of surface and groundwater quality. Further, an element of the WPAB's 2021 Work Plan is to foster intergovernmental coordination, cooperation and communication by advocating for improved public outreach on water quality issues. Of utmost importance to the WPAB is the continued protection of surface and groundwater quality so that public health, quality of life, and economic vitality of current and future generations are not diminished.

During the August 13, 2021 meeting, the WPAB received updates from the United States Air Force (USAF) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on the progress of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) site investigation and cleanup activities at the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) Bulk Fuels Facility (BFF) jet fuel leak project site (the Site). Additionally, the WPAB heard from the Water Authority of ongoing concerns and questions about data gaps, data quality, and the ability for the USAF and NMED to adequately evaluate remedies for the Site. The WPAB has received copies of the technical memorandums (memos) submitted by the Water Authority to the NMED and understands that to date, there has been no response by either the Air Force or NMED to the data concerns and gaps detailed in those memos. The WPAB finds these concerns to be significant, requiring timely engagement through technical discussions. Given the impacts of the data concerns on the evaluation and selection of remediation at the site, the WPAB strongly recommends that the USAF and NMED reconvene a technical working group (TWG) to directly address these data concerns and gaps. Historically, the TWG meetings have been productive forums to resolve technical concerns, allowing all parties, including stakeholders, to provide input, analyze new data, and participate in the site investigation while the USAF continues to make progress in the RCRA Corrective Action process.

The WPAB strongly encourages continued and improved public engagement by NMED and the USAF regarding the BFF Site examination and clean up. Further, the WPAB requests regular updates from NMED and the USAF regarding the outcome of TWG meetings and how the TWG decisions are being

carried out, the status of the investigation, and development of the Phase II RCRA Facility Investigation Report.

Respectfully,

Steve Glass, Chair  
Water Protection Advisory Board

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