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1 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the exact history of the leaks is unknown, and
19 initially it was thought that the leaks only affected surface
20 soil; and

21 WHEREAS, investigations between 2004 and 2007
22 demonstrated that the leaked fuel had reached the ground water
23 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 leak and continued from 2004
2 to 2007; 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;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, further investigation shows that the fuel
8 contamination has migrated north of Kirtland air force base;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in order to comply with the department of
11 environment's hazardous waste bureau requirements and to
12 understand the extent of contamination and how far
13 contamination has migrated from the original site, additional
14 ground water and soil vapor monitoring wells are being
15 installed both on and off the base; and

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

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

1 patience during the testing phase; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parties be requested to
3 continue their cooperative work; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the secretary of the United States air force,
6 the secretary of defense, the New Mexico congressional
7 delegation, the secretary of environment and the mayor of
8 Albuquerque.

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