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Dear Mr. Kieling

This letter is being submitted in response to the NMED letter, dated 2 March 2012 regarding the occurrences of gas bubbles in groundwater samples at the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) Bulk Fuels Facility (BFF). This document describes the path forward that was reached through consensus at the 5 April 2012 Tiger Team Working Group meeting.

In the event that gas bubbles are witnessed during a sampling activity, Ms. Diane Agnew, Shaw Environmental, Inc., will be contacted by the onsite Shaw personnel and requested to the field location. Ms. Diane Agnew will contact Mr. Will Moats of the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau, an Army Corps of Engineers representative, and Mr. Wayne Bitner (KAFB) to request their presence to the field location observing gas bubbles in the sampling stream.. The group, once assemble at the site location, will make recommendations towards a determination if additional gas bubble sampling is required based upon the field observations made by the assembled team. A final determination of the path forward will be made by the NMED and followed by KAFB to complete the sampling effort.

The 2 March 2012 letter directed KAFB to collect additional gas samples and deliver the results to NMED by 1 June 2012. Based on discussions held during the 5 April 2012 Tiger Team meeting, no additional gas bubble samples will be accomplished other than those directed through the process outlined above. If samples are collected, the results will be delivered to the NMED within 45 days of date of sample collection.

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Please contact Mr. L. Wayne Bitner at (505) 853-3484 or at ludie.bitner@kirtland.af.mil or Ms. Victoria R. Martinez at (505) 846-6362 or at victoria.martinez@kirtland.af.mil if you have any questions.

Sincerely


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