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Public Meeting Tomorrow to Discuss KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility Leak*6 p.m. @ African American Performing Arts Ctr. in Albuquerque-Poster session at 5:30 p.m.*

Santa Fe—The U.S. Air Force (USAF) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) are hosting an informational public meeting tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. at the African American Performing Arts Center in Albuquerque for updates and discussion on the status of the Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuels Facility leak.

The Center is located at 310 San Pedro NE, near the intersection of San Pedro Dr. NE and Copper Avenue. NMED, USAF, the U.S. Geological Survey, and other project experts and stakeholders will be on hand to provide the latest technical and regulatory updates. From 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow, interested community members are also invited to participate in the pre-meeting poster session dialogue.

Following the poster session, the main meeting presentation will run from 6 - 8 p.m. and will include a project status update, and an overview of the recently posted, condensed [NMED 2018 Strategic Plan](#) which is currently available for public comment (through April 6) at: <http://bit.ly/2Gfg5iC>. The Strategic Plan summarizes the consistent strategies deployed since 2015 to address the groundwater contamination. In the draft Plan, NMED Secretary Butch Tongate stated, "Our team of federal, state and local experts, cooperating with community stakeholders, is successfully extracting groundwater contaminants in the area nearest to drinking water wells. More than 350 million gallons of contaminated groundwater have been extracted, treated to less than detectable concentrations, and either used to water the golf course, or injected back into the aquifer."

On Saturday, March 24, a public open house will be held at the Groundwater Treatment System facility from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The March 24 open house is an opportunity to learn first-hand about the work being done to remove groundwater contamination caused by the historical leak at the old KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility. Interested community members will be able to access the GWTS facility from the Ridgecrest Gate. Air Force and NMED environmental experts will be available on Saturday, as well, to explain clean-up activities and answer questions.

For additional information, please contact NMENV-Outreach@state.nm.us.

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