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Dr. Ravi I. Chaudhary
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Re: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Investigation Public Meeting on May 14, 2024

Dear Dr. Chaudhary,

On May 1, 2024, Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) issued a press release announcing a virtual meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 to update the public on the status of the PFAS investigation. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) learned of the virtual meeting by a news article published on May 1, 2024.

Consistent with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) website on PFAS which states: "As DoD moves through the CERCLA process, it works in collaboration with regulatory agencies, communities, and other stakeholders to ensure open and transparent information sharing."¹ To that end, I am seeking your collaboration in answering the following questions:

1. Will the U.S. DoD publicly commit to cleaning up **off-base** PFAS contamination to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory levels, including drinking water standards?
2. What is the date that **off-base** PFAS cleanup of soil and groundwater will commence?
3. What is the date that **off-base** PFAS cleanup of soil and groundwater will end?
4. When will the public have a chance to review and comment on the **off-base** PFAS cleanup plans at CAFB?
5. What is the requested U.S. DoD budget request for **off-base** cleanup of PFAS at CAFB and what is the current appropriation for off-base cleanup of PFAS at CAFB?

NMED will participate in the virtual meeting. I look forward to your responses to these questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James C. Kenney".

James Kenney
Cabinet Secretary

CC: Colonel Jeremy S. Bergin, 27th Special Operations Wing Commander
Nancy Balkus, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety, and Infrastructure
Courtney Kerster, Senior Advisor, Office of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

¹ See <https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas/pfas101/cercla.html>