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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 15, 2010

**RE: FINAL DECISION AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS CONCERNING
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM9570024423**

Dear Interested Person:

On July 15, 2010, New Mexico Environment Department (Department) Secretary Ron Curry signed a Final Order that issues a final Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) to the United States Air Force (USAF, the Permittee) for the Open Detonation Unit and for conducting corrective action at Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB). KAFB is operated by the USAF and is located south of Albuquerque in Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

A public comment period was held from April 16, 2007, to June 15, 2007, on the draft Permit. The NMED extended the comment period from June 15, 2010, to July 19, 2010, for taking additional public comment on a requirement in the draft Permit concerning the removal of a sewer line that passes through Solid Waste Management Unit LF-002. The draft Permit was revised by the Department in response to public comments received, including those received from the Permittee.

The Permit becomes effective on August 16, 2010 and may be appealed under the provisions of 20.4.1.901(H) NMAC and § 74-4-14 of the Hazardous Waste Act.

The Final Order, Permit, and Response to Comments may be viewed on the Department's webpage at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwb/kafbperm.htm> under KAFB Final Permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Kielling".

John E. Kielling
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