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The Honorable Ron Curry
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Dear Secretary Curry

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Thank you so much for making your time available and that of your staff's to sit down and discuss an approach to addressing the cleanup requirements at Kirtland Air Force Base. This meeting was very beneficial in getting feedback from you and your department as we proceed with a common goal toward environmental compliance.

With the foregoing in mind, I would like to summarize the most significant points of our discussion. Firstly, the Air Force intends to respond to the April 2, 2010 letter from Mr. Bearzi in a timely fashion. Moreover, as we discussed, the Air Force intends to simultaneously proceed with an expedited process to award a contract for a comprehensive clean up approach. In this regard, we recognize the importance of including your department in the progress we make in the development of this approach.

Again, it was a pleasure meeting you, Ms. Leavitt and Mr. Bearzi. I and my team look forward to continuing to work with you in future.

Sincerely

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