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Dear Mr. Blaine

Thank you for your letter expressing the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) concern over the Air Force's performance, through its Contractor CB&I (formerly known as Shaw Environmental), in investigating and remediating the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) bulk fuel facility fuel release. I also am concerned with any intimation that the Air Force and/or its contractor is failing to comply with its statutory and/or regulatory responsibilities in investigating and remediating the bulk fuel facility's fuel release.

We reviewed your letter and discussed its content with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and our contractor. I have received assurance that the Air Force, through its contractor, will submit the final Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) and Dissolved Phase EDB Aerobic Remediation Interim Measure (EDB-IMWP) work plan no later than 8 May 2014. Additionally, upon NMED's approval of the work plan and the Office of the State Engineer's approval of the well permit application, which approvals are needed no later than 12 May 2014, it is our intent to implement the work plan as previously agreed, by commencing the LNAPL and EDB-IMWP interim measures no later than 30 June 2014.

As for your reference to the Air Force and contractor's sub-par performance and the submission of technically insufficient documents associated with the investigation and remediation of the fuel release, we will work with the USACE to review the contractor's performance to date, as well as review those final documents officially submitted for your Department's review and approval. Once completed, their findings shall be addressed in a separate mailing to your office. Our findings will also be used, as needed, to improve contract performance.

I look forward to your continued assistance and oversight as we complete the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) investigation and move forward on remediating the fuel release. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Mr. D. Brent Wilson at (505) 846-7911 or denzil.wilson@us.af.mil or L. Wayne Bitner at (505)853-3484 or ludie.bitner@us.af.mil.

Sincerely

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