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#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Responses Received From
Office of Military Base Planning
Department of Public Safety (DPS)

No Response Received From
Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

## **SUMMARY**

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 29 requires that the United States departments of defense and energy be requested to dismantle and remove from Albuquerque the weapons of mass destruction stored at Kirtland Air Force Base.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Office of Military Base Planning asked Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB) for comment regarding the Senate Memorial. The response was that the Air Force can neither confirm nor deny any fact regarding nuclear munitions, storage, capability, etc. The Office of Military Base Planning states it is common knowledge that Kirtland AFB played a key role in special weapons research and development, and at one time the Air Force Special Weapons Center was located at Kirtland. Currently, the Air Force units at Kirtland AFB conduct nuclear surety inspections to ensure that potential missions can be supported in a safe and secure manner. The focus is on maintaining the capability to support mission which can be tasked by the National Command Authority.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Office of Military Base Planning suggests that New Mexico legislators and legislative leadership request briefings and/or presentations from the Air Force and Department of Energy officials on the various contingency missions located on Kirtland AFB to ensure there is a clear understanding of emergency response capabilities.