

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE MEMORIAL 2

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE POSITIVE WORK THAT THE KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, THE ALBUQUERQUE-BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND THE STATE HAVE DONE IN PARTNERSHIP TO CLEAN GROUND WATER IMPACTED BY THE BULK FUEL FACILITY SPILL AND RECOGNIZING THE CONTINUING NEED FOR ADDITIONAL WORK.

WHEREAS, the bulk fuel facility on Kirtland air force base in Bernalillo county, adjacent to Albuquerque, is located in the northwestern portion of the base; and

WHEREAS, the facility and associated infrastructure has been in operation since 1952, during which time the fueling area was separated into a tank holding area, where bulk shipments of fuel were received, and a fuel loading area, where individual fuel trucks were filled; and

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1 WHEREAS, Kirtland air force base removed the fuel loading
2 area from service in 2000 due to line leakage; and

3 WHEREAS, the exact history of the leaks or releases is
4 unknown, and initially it was thought that the leaks only
5 affected the zone above the water table; and

6 WHEREAS, investigations in 2007 demonstrated that the
7 leaked fuel had reached the water table; and

8 WHEREAS, Kirtland air force base installed the first soil
9 vapor extraction unit in 2003 to begin treating soil
10 contamination related to the fuel spill and continued from 2004
11 to the present; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2007, fuel was detected in the ground water
13 table off the air force base and additional vapor extraction
14 units were installed at various points above the fuel plume;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, further investigation shows that the fuel
17 contamination has migrated north of Kirtland air force base;
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19 WHEREAS, in order to comply with the department of
20 environment's hazardous waste management regulations and to
21 understand the extent of contamination, including how far
22 contamination has migrated from the original site, ground water
23 and soil vapor monitoring wells have been installed both on and
24 off the base; and

25 WHEREAS, new wells will be installed in the Siesta Hills

1 and Elder Homestead neighborhoods, and these wells will be
2 sampled quarterly to fill in information gaps so a final remedy
3 can be identified to address the fuel leak;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
5 OF NEW MEXICO that appreciation be expressed for the positive
6 work that the air force, the Albuquerque-Bernalillo county
7 water utility authority, the city of Albuquerque and the state
8 have done in partnership to clean ground water and for the
9 community's and neighbors' patience during the testing phase;
10 and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parties be requested to
12 continue their cooperative work until every last drop of ground
13 water and every last air vapor is ameliorated; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the secretary of the United States air force,
16 the secretary of defense, the New Mexico congressional
17 delegation, the secretary of environment, the mayor of
18 Albuquerque and the executive director of the Albuquerque-
19 Bernalillo county water utility authority.

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