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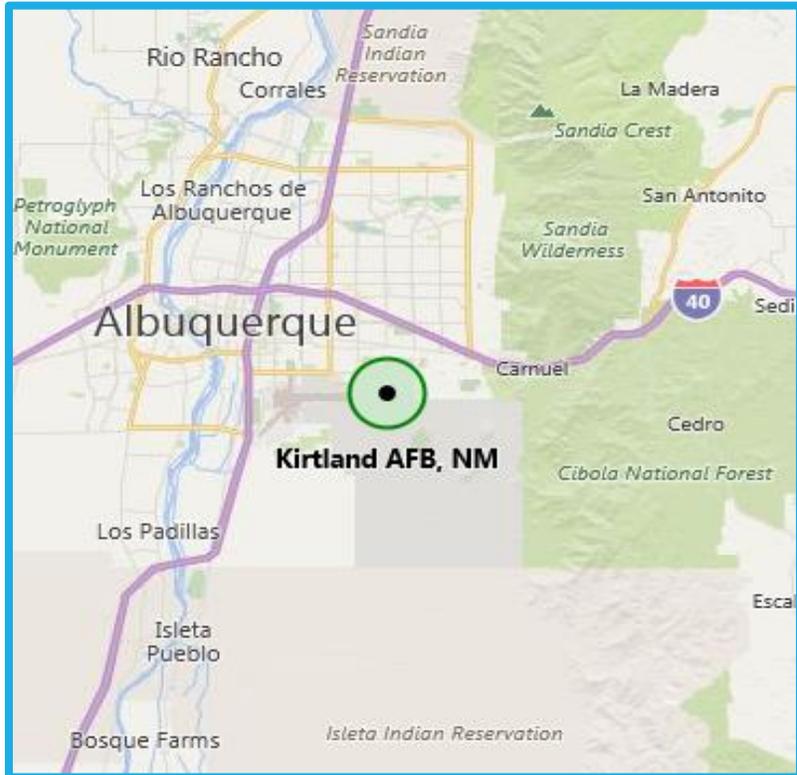
LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

377 ABW	377th Air Base Wing
AFB	Air Force Base
Air Force	U.S. Air Force
AOC	Area of Concern
BFF	Bulk Fuels Facility
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CRP	Community Relations Plan
DoD	Department of Defense
EDB	ethylene dibromide
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
OB/OD	Open Burn/Open Detonation Unit
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RCRA Permit	Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility Operating Permit
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

Kirtland Air Force Base, located in southeast Albuquerque, New Mexico, occupies approximately 52,000 acres. The base is bordered by the City of Albuquerque to the west and north, the Cibola National Forest to the east, and the Isleta Indian Pueblo to the south. Kirtland AFB provides support for 25 major mission partners and five Major Commands including support for base operations, munitions maintenance, research development and testing, as well as readiness and training.



The 377th Air Base Wing, which is the host organization at Kirtland Air Force Base, reports to Air Force Global Strike

Command. Included among Kirtland AFB's mission partners are the Air Force Research Laboratory, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, 58th Special Operations Wing, New Mexico Air National Guard, U.S. Department of Energy and Sandia National Laboratories. Kirtland AFB also provides fire protection, and crash and rescue services for the Albuquerque International Sunport.

Kirtland AFB's Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility Operating Permit (EPA ID# NM9570024423), issued in July 2010, by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), requires corrective action for historical releases of hazardous constituents from specified solid waste management units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) and allows operation of an open burn/open detonation unit (OB/OD). This permit is commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit, because RCRA is the federal law that New Mexico is authorized and delegated by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer. The OB/OD is in the process of closure and has been non-operational since 2010. A renewal application for the RCRA Permit was submitted on 13 Feb 2014 and the current RCRA Permit was administratively extended by NMED.

The corrective action requirements are found in Part 6 of the RCRA Permit. Part 6.1.11 details the required content for Kirtland AFB's community relations plan (CRP). This CRP is designed to cover only the community relations activities related to RCRA corrective action and

coordinates with but does not include public involvement for other Kirtland AFB programs or environmental restoration activities.

The Kirtland AFB RCRA Permit has a total of 51 sites. Additional information about these sites can be found on the Administrative Record with links found in section 2.3 of this document.

1.2 Elements of the CRP

Section 6.1.11 in the RCRA Permit requires that the CRP contain the following seven elements:

1. Creating and maintaining an active mailing list of interested parties, to be updated annually, including those on the official mailing list in accordance with 40 CFR 124.10;
2. Holding informal meetings, including briefings and workshops as appropriate, with the public and local officials before and during the corrective action process, which shall be held at least twice every calendar year for as long as corrective action is required;
3. Posting news releases, fact sheets, work plan submittals, report submittals and publically available quarterly progress reports that explain the progress and conclusions of investigations and cleanups on the Kirtland AFB's public website in a timely fashion and providing same to interested citizen groups and the public, as requested;
4. Creating and maintaining a public information repository and reading room;
5. Conducting public tours and briefings to inform the public about corrective actions and listen to their concerns related to environmental monitoring, characterization and remediation;
6. Providing immediate written and, if possible, oral notification of any discovered off-site release to affected parties regarding any possible impacts; and
7. Notifying and providing opportunities to interested community groups to observe field data gathering activities conducted during the corrective action process (notices shall specify the time and need for any required safety and security training).

2. COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN

The following sections describe how Kirtland AFB will comply with the CRP requirements in its RCRA Permit.

2.1 Mailing List

To ensure the community has access to information on RCRA Permit corrective action activities, a mailing list of interested members of the community is maintained in accordance with Part 6.1.11(1). The list consists of:

- Local residents and community members who have expressed interest in staying informed about corrective action projects;
- Neighborhood organizations, community groups and activist organizations;
- Local, State, and Federal regulatory agencies, as appropriate;
- Elected officials; government offices; and
- News media.

To be placed on the Facility mailing list, contact:

Kirtland AFB 377th Air Base
Wing Public Affairs 2000
Wyoming Blvd. SE, Ste. B-22
Kirtland AFB NM 87117
Phone: (505) 846-5991

*E-mail: 377abw.pa@us.af.mil

Please include Subject: BFF

You may also sign up for the mailing list at public meetings or by going to NMED project website:

www.env.nm.gov/KAFBFuelPlume

The NMED maintains and annually updates a mailing list of people and organizations who are interested in RCRA corrective action activities at Kirtland AFB. To subscribe to this list, contact: www.env.nm.gov/KAFBFuelPlume. In advance of joint public meetings, workshops, and field trips, Kirtland AFB sends notices to people on this mailing list.

2.2 Public Meetings and Workshops

Per the RCRA Permit, public meetings are held to allow community members the opportunity to speak with the Air Force and share concerns and questions about Kirtland AFB restoration activities. The RCRA Permit requires two meetings/briefings per year. The Air Force partners with the Department of Energy (DOE) to hold these semi-annual public meetings in April and October.

Kirtland AFB and NMED typically host three joint BFF specific meetings per year. The BFF project team also holds periodic public workshops and technical “deep-dives” to provide interested stakeholders with more detailed information on BFF corrective action activities. This includes the use of visual aids, fact sheets, and posters to explain environmental cleanup activities and to encourage discussions with community stakeholders.

In addition to the BFF public meetings and semi-annual KAFB/DOE public meetings, the Air Force periodically briefs local, state and federal government officials regarding project status.

2.3 Public Website

Kirtland AFB maintains two public websites that include information related to the cleanup of corrective action sites including, but not limited to, news releases, fact sheets, work plans and reports. The Air Force also provides copies of documents to the public upon request.

Where to find out about Kirtland AFB's Corrective Action Activities

- Website
<http://www.kirtland.af.mil/Home/Environment>
- Website
<https://www.env.nm.gov/hazardous-waste/kafb>
- Website
<http://www.env.nm.gov/KAFBFuelPlume>
- Website
<http://afcec.publicadmin-record.us.af.mil/Search.aspx>
- Electronic Public Repository located at CNM Community College on the first floor

The first website, which is located at:

<http://www.kirtland.af.mil/Home/Environment>

is not limited to RCRA Permit-related corrective actions and also contains information on all environmental restoration activities at Kirtland AFB. This website has links to the Administrative Record with a user-friendly guide, information on the semiannual joint meetings with DOE, and the NMED website. It also contains information on how to contact the Base Freedom of Information Act officer.

This website also has a “pump and treat tracker” that provides a weekly update of the gallons of groundwater pumped from the EDB plume extraction wells and treated at the full-scale groundwater treatment plant on-base as well as the grams of EDB removed. All public news releases, fact sheets, public meeting and tour schedules, maps, photos and project documents will be posted to this website.

The second public website, which is located at:

<http://afcec.publicadmin-record.us.af.mil/Search.aspx>

focuses solely on documents submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department and maintained in the Administrative Record.

In addition to the two Kirtland AFB public websites, the NMED maintains two websites that contain information related to RCRA corrective action activities at Kirtland AFB. This first is the located on the Hazardous Waste Bureau website under the “Permitted Facilities” link:

<https://www.env.nm.gov/hazardous-waste/kafb>

This website contains information on the Kirtland AFB RCRA Permit and related corrective action activities.

The second NMED website, which is specific to the BFF cleanup, is located at:

<http://www.env.nm.gov/kafbfuelplume/>

This website highlights recent BFF project activities and upcoming public outreach opportunities and events. Specifically, the site contains links to project information, documents, project photos, public outreach information, e-mail project update list and NMED contacts.

2.4 Public Information Repository and Reading Room

In addition to the web-based sources described in Section 2.3 above, Kirtland AFB maintains an electronic corrective action project information repository at the Central New Mexico (CNM) Community College, Main Campus Library. The repository is equipped with a dedicated computer terminal and printer.

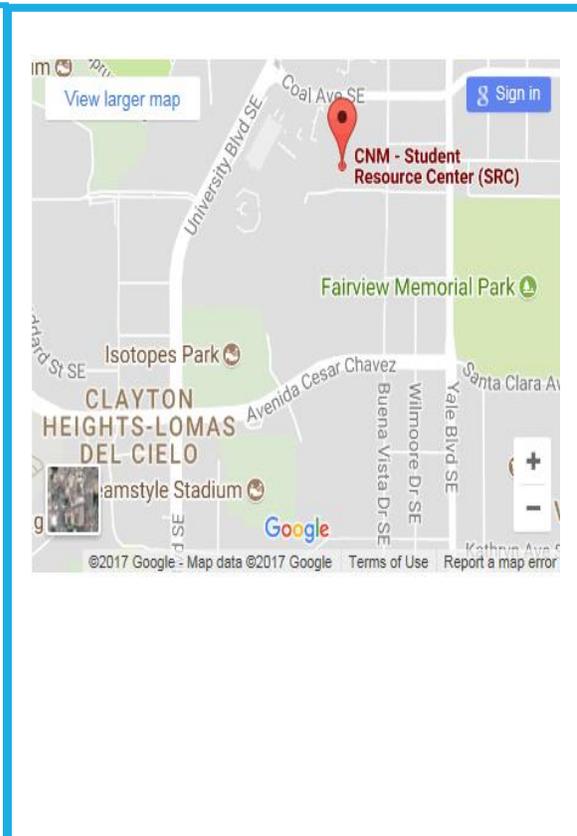
Electronic Public Repository located at CNM Community College

Central New Mexico Community College
Main Campus Library – Jeannette Stromberg
Library
525 Buena Vista Dr. SE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Help Desk: (505) 224-3274
Reference Desk: (505) 224-3285

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Thursday: 0730-2100
Friday: 0730 – 1700
Saturday: 0900 – 1700
Sunday: CLOSED

***Information Repository is located in a
workroom on the First Floor directly across
from the check-in/check-out table***



2.5 Public Tours and Briefings

Kirtland AFB holds periodic public tours and field trips to acquaint the public with specific corrective action activities and to answer environmental monitoring, characterization and remediation questions. To request information on tours and briefings, please contact Kirtland AFB 377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, Phone: (505) 846-5991, e-mail: 377abw.pa@us.af.mil.

Briefings to federal, state and local governmental officials, community organizations and activist groups are held upon request.

2.6 Notification of Off-Site Releases

In the event a release from an existing or recently identified SWMU or AOC extends beyond Kirtland AFB property boundaries, and could pose a health risk to a member of the public, Kirtland AFB will send an immediate written notification to affected parties. If possible, an oral notification will also be provided.

2.7 Observation of Field Data Gathering Activities

Part 6.1.11(7) of the RCRA Permit requires Kirtland AFB to notify and provide opportunities to interested community groups to observe field data gathering activities conducted during the corrective action process. Due to hazardous substances and other hazards associated with sampling activities, this is not possible during actual sampling activities. In addition, members of the public would not typically have the required 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response training.

Kirtland AFB recognizes the importance of transparency in all stages of corrective action activities, including field data gathering. Kirtland AFB has and will continue to provide sampling demonstrations during field trips and tours to interested members of the public. In addition, NMED has the authority under the RCRA Permit to split samples with the Air Force and to observe field data gathering activities. Lastly, work plans describe data collection and analytical methods. All data is available on the public websites referenced in Section 2.3. At the conclusion of field data gathering activities, any deviations from the sampling protocols in the NMED-Approved work plans are detailed in reports.

3. REVISIONS TO THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN

Kirtland AFB's RCRA Permit does not specify the frequency for CRP revisions. The Air Force will review and update the CRP every two years. The updated CRP will be submitted to NMED and posted on both Kirtland AFB public websites.

4. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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