

STATEMENT REGARDING HOUSE MEMORIAL HM120

Buckman Direct Diversion Project

SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VIRIGINIA VIGIL, BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION BOARD CHAIR

The BDD Project and the Santa Fe community rely on the Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Labs to be good neighbors. We appreciate the strong support of our Santa Fe Legislators to assist the Buckman Direct Diversion with gaining continued and immediate cooperation by the National Nuclear Security Administration of the Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Laboratories to actively work toward ensuring the safety of Santa Fe's drinking water.

While we are confident that our three tiers of protection ensure drinking water will be better than all federal and state safe drinking water requirements, the BDD Board will continue to advocate for additional safe water actions and work with regulators and LANL on mutual concerns. We appreciate the significant efforts already made by the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Mexico Environment Department and we will continue to work with them and the National Nuclear Security Administration of the Department of Energy to address the Board's desire to prevent migration and ensure proper monitoring of LANL contaminants in storm water that reaches the Rio Grande.

Special thanks to Representative Brian Egolf and the following sponsors of the memorial:

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