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Environment Department, Santa Clara Pueblo to Sign Historic Memorandum of Agreement

WHAT: Santa Clara Pueblo Governor Walter Dasheno and New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry will sign an historic, first-of-its-kind, comprehensive Memorandum of Agreement between the two sovereigns. The agreement establishes and formalizes a comprehensive and detailed protocol for inter-governmental cooperation and coordination on environmental protection pursuant to the government-to-government relationship between the Pueblo and the department. Once signed, the two sovereigns will continue to work together to carry out the Agreement and to promote greater NMED regulation on private, non-Pueblo claims in and around the Espanola area. The agreement also serves to ensure that communication is swift between environmental staff of both NMED and Santa Clara Pueblo as it relates to many joint areas of concern, including LANL operations and illegal solid waste dumping.

WHEN: At 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20

WHERE: The Tribal Council Chambers for Santa Clara Pueblo, One Kee Street in Santa Clara Pueblo.

WHO: Santa Clara Pueblo Governor Walter Dasheno, New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry, New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs Secretary Alvin Warren and members of the tribe and departments.

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