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State Employee with 40-Years of Service Wins Prestigious Environmental Award

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Environmental Health Association recently named New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) state employee Anita Roy as the “2011 Outstanding Contributions to Environmental Health” award winner. Her award earns her a distinction of one of only three people who are now considered New Mexico’s “Environmentalists of the Year.” Ms. Roy has worked for the state of New Mexico in environmental health for over 40 years.

“This is a well-deserved award for a dedicated employee and leader in the New Mexico Environment Department,” NMED Secretary David Martin said. “For four decades, Ms. Roy has been working to keep safe the food that reaches thousands of New Mexico residents every day.”

Ms. Roy received the 2011 award at the annual New Mexico Environmental Health Association (NMEHA) educational symposium and meeting October 28-29, 2011. NMEHA is a nonprofit organization consisting of environmental health professionals in both government and private industry positions.

Ms. Roy’s award recognizes her outstanding career as food specialist from the New Mexico Environment Department. She works out of the Las Vegas field office with primary responsibility for the northern third of the state. She provides processor plan review, new restaurant support, training and on site assistance to environmentalists in 6 field offices. She is also a member of the state wide food program resource group serving as a recall coordinator, NM epi-ready food borne illness response net, and is a member of the Homeland Security food protection task force.

Ms. Roy has also worked with non-profit organizations to provide a better understanding of home processor regulations. The work she's done on a daily basis has enhanced the food production process for a variety of foods including jams, jellies, salsa, sauces and beef jerky.

Her efforts are recognized as outstanding and definitely appreciated by peers and colleagues across the state of New Mexico.

Ms. Roy is also a New Mexico rancher, operating the family ranch near Las Vegas. She has been active in New Mexico 4-H including sheep and hog production as well as horsemanship for the youth of the area.

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