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NMED Thanks State Legislators After the 2013 Legislative Session

Santa Fe, NM – With the conclusion of the 2013 New Mexico Regular Legislative Session in Santa Fe, the New Mexico Environment Department extends our thanks to Representative Brian Egolf and Senator George Munoz. These legislators reached across the aisle to work with the administration to protect the state's valuable resources.

Representative Brian Egolf (D-Santa Fe) sponsored HB 189, a bill allowing the department to take action against people who knowingly submit false information to the department. Although the session expired before the Senate was able to vote on the bill, Representative Egolf was instrumental in shepherding the bill through the House and Senate.

Senator George Munoz (D-Gallup) introduced SB 419, which sought to transfer the administration of the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to the New Mexico Environment Department. While this bill was met with opposition, the department appreciates Senator Munoz sponsoring this bill.

Even though both bills didn't pass this session, NMED is committed to working with the bill sponsors, other legislators and leadership, stakeholders, and the interested public to establishing an open dialogue and support for these measures.

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