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### NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT PROGRAM RECOGNIZES BUSINESSES FOR POLLUTION PREVENTION ACHIEVEMENTS

Santa Fe, NM - On this 43<sup>rd</sup> Earth Day, the New Mexico Environment Department is pleased to recognize our Spring 2013 new and returning members for the Green Zia Environmental Leadership Program (GZELP). The following organizations have shown commitment to and innovation for reducing waste and natural resource use in New Mexico:

Gold Level	Raytheon Diné Facility; Farmington (member since 2011)
Gold Level	Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP); Carlsbad (member since 2011)
Gold Level	NASA White Sands Test Facility; Las Cruces (new member)
Silver Level	HB Construction, Inc.; Albuquerque (member since 2011)
Bronze Level	Adelante Development Center; Albuquerque (member since 2012)
Bronze Level	Lovelace Health Plan; Albuquerque (member since 2012)
Bronze Level	Los Poblanos Historic Inn & Organic Farm, Albuquerque (new member)
Bronze Level	Pyramid Generating Station, Lordsburg (new member)

Documented environmental improvements and associated cost savings for the period of October 2011 through December 2012 include:

- Conservation of over 300,000 gallons water, 7.7 million kWh electricity, 500,000 therms natural gas.
- Recycling or Reuse of over 9,000 pounds hazardous waste and 11,750 tons of solid waste materials.
- Cost savings of over \$1million from conservation measures and process improvements.

GZELP is a voluntary program for any type and size organization implementing sustainable practices. Applicants must document environmental achievements and set future goals. Since its inception in 1999, over 140 organizations and businesses have participated in the program.

For more information about the Green Zia Environmental Leadership Program and our member's achievements, visit: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/P2>

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