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Governor Richardson Announces Changes to Environmental Improvement Board Membership

(Santa Fe, NM) — Governor Bill Richardson announced today a change in the composition of the Environmental Improvement Board, the governor-appointed board responsible for promulgating rules and standards relating to environmental management and consumer protection in the state.

Cliff Stroud, a Carlsbad economic development advisor to Los Alamos National Laboratory who served as Vice Chairman on the Board, will now serve on the state Lottery Authority. His new appointment will introduce broader geographic representation to the Authority while providing a new venue and role for his expertise.

“We appreciate Cliff’s interest in New Mexico’s environment and his efforts at trying to make improvements,” New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry said.

In Stroud’s place, Governor Richardson is appointing Kathi Bearden, a small business owner from Hobbs, for her great work as chairwoman of the Commission on Higher Education and her expertise as a small business owner.

“Kathi Bearden’s small business experience will serve her well on the Environmental Improvement Board,” Richardson said. “I would also like to thank Cliff Stroud for his service. He will represent southeastern New Mexico well on the Lottery Authority.”

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