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**Environment Department Awards Nabors Well Services Sites
for Keeping Workers Safe**

Oil and Gas Servicing Company receives Zia Star Voluntary Protection Program Status

(Santa Fe, N.M.) New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry recently recognized Nabors Well Services, Ltd. for having two work sites that have exemplary safety practices for workers. The company received the state's tenth and eleventh Zia Star Voluntary Protection Program recipients.

Two separate ceremonies recognizing the company's accomplishments were held at the Nabors' Carlsbad site on May 18 and the Hobbs site yesterday.

"We are pleased to recognize Nabors Well Services for their outstanding achievements in providing a safe and healthful workplace for their employees," said Secretary Curry. "Workers in the oil and gas industry face one of the most hazardous working environments in New Mexico. Nabors' efforts have not only improved conditions for its own employees but they have also provided a great example for other companies in the industry to do the same."

Larry Heidt, Chairman of Nabors Well Services, noted "We are all extremely proud of how the employees of these two facilities took up the challenge of pursuing VPP. Attaining Zia Star VPP approval is a tremendous accomplishment that I know brings a great sense of pride to all of those involved."

These facilities are the first two within their industry to receive these prestigious NM Zia Star VPP honors. The two Nabors truck facilities, located in Hobbs and Carlsbad, New Mexico, have approximately 50 employees. The two facilities have provided transport, pumping, vacuum and hot oil services for oil and gas operators located in southeastern New Mexico and west Texas for the past 30 years.

The two Nabors facilities join NextEra Energy, Georgia-Pacific, Intel, Roco Rescue, Honeywell Aerospace, Operations Management International, ConocoPhillips San Juan Gas Plant, ConocoPhillips Wingate Fractionator, and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association in receiving the award.

The NMED Occupational Health and Safety Bureau manages the Zia Star Voluntary Protection Program. Participants receive national recognition for their accomplishments. The program recognizes companies with exemplary health and safety management systems that maintain injury and illness rates below the national average for their industry.

Other vital elements of the program include management leadership and commitment to a safe working environment; employee involvement in implementing the health and safety program; worksite hazard analysis; prevention and control programs and comprehensive safety and health training.

Butch Tongate, Bureau Chief of the New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Bureau, presented VPP flags to Benny Baldwin, Carlsbad Facility Manager, and Freeman Young, Hobbs Facility Manager. Others who attended the event included OHSB Compliance Assistance Specialist Melissa Barker; Steve Johnson, Nabors Well Services President and COO; Nick Petronio, Special Assistant to the Chairman of Nabors Industries; Steve Olson, Vice President Safety/Training and Johnny Slaughter, Western District Vice President/General Manager.

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