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**24 Organizations to be Recognized by Governor Johnson
for Environmental Savvy**

Intel Corporation Receives Top Honor

(Santa Fe, NM) -- Twenty-four New Mexico organizations will be recognized by Governor Gary E. Johnson and Environment Secretary Peter Maggiore for their participation in the Green Zia Environmental Excellence Program and for making environmental concerns an integral part of doing business. Among these businesses, Intel Corporation is the only one, as well as the first ever, being recognized at the highest "Excellence" level .

On October 17, Governor Johnson will present the awards to businesses, government organizations, and schools participating in the Green Zia Environmental Excellence Program. Green Zia is designed to recognize organizations that are developing systematic approaches to environmental management, striving not only to comply with environmental, health and safety regulations, but to reduce the amount of wastes they are generating through pollution prevention. Not creating a waste or pollutant is the best environmental protection possible. Furthermore, for most organizations, reducing waste means saving money. Participants in the Green Zia Program are demonstrating improved environmental and economic performance.

"This year alone, Green Zia participants reported saving over \$21 million through waste reduction, improved use of raw materials, and energy and water conservation," said Governor Johnson.

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“The organizations being recognized through the Green Zia Program have demonstrated an interest in improved protection of the environment through better business practices,” the Governor added. “The good news is that reducing pollution is not only good for the environment but it’s also good business.”

Notably, Intel Corporation is the first “Excellence” award recipient in the Green Zia Environmental Excellence Program’s three-year history. The “Excellence” award is the highest of three levels of recognition. Intel’s application addressed approximately 100 areas of consideration, which indicate thorough development and implementation of environmental, and health and safety, process improvements. Some of Intel’s major environmental achievements in NM include:

- a water conservation rate of over 50%,
- 78% of their solid waste was recycled with only 22% going to a landfill and,
- worked to reduce perfluorocarbon emissions 18 months prior to the Kyoto Conference.

The “Excellence” award signifies that Intel is considered “best in class” in environmental performance in New Mexico.

“The Green Zia Environmental Excellence Program supports organizations that adopt business-based approaches to environmental performance,” said Secretary Maggiore. “The same activities that make an organization successful financially can also make it a great organization environmentally. Environmental management systems help organizations go beyond compliance and toward cutting-edge environmental stewardship. The Green Zia Program emphasizes continuous improvement to meet goals that include zero waste, zero clean-up, zero problems, and full compliance with regulatory requirements.”

Businesses Being Recognized and Levels of Recognition:

Environmental Excellence Award Winner

- Intel Corporation, Rio Rancho

Achievement Recognition

- Goodrich Aerospace, Space Flight Systems, Albuquerque
- Cannon Air Force Base
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Engineering Sciences & Applications Division
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Environmental Science and Waste Technology Division
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Human Resources Division
- Durango-McKinley Paper, Prewitt
- National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA), White Sands Test Facility, Las Cruces
- Philips Semiconductors, Albuquerque

Commitment Recognition

- Alamo Auto Center, Alamogordo
- Aramark Corporation, Los Alamos
- City of Albuquerque, Solid Waste Division, Albuquerque
- Covington Consulting, Santa Fe
- Eastern New Mexico University, Portales
- Holloman Air Force Base
- Honeywell Defense Avionics Systems, Albuquerque
- Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Business Operations Division, Los Alamos
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Nuclear Materials Technology Division, Los Alamos
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Facilities and Waste Operations Division, Los Alamos
- New Mexico State University, Carlsbad
- Sandia National Laboratories, Fleet Services Department, Albuquerque
- Sandia National Laboratories, Manufacturing, Science & Technology Center, Albuquerque
- Sandia National Laboratories, Environmental Restoration Division, Albuquerque

Governor Johnson will present the award and recognitions in a ceremony at Sunrise Springs Inn & Retreat on October 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information about the recognition ceremony or participating in the program, contact Dave Wunker, Green Zia Program Manager, NMED, at (505) 827-0677.

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