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New Mexico Environment Department Receives National EPA Award for IT Project

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a national award for outstanding progress towards the EPA's Exchange Network goals at the 2011 Exchange Network National Meeting held April 26-28, 2011 in Denver, Colorado.

The Exchange Network is EPA's enterprise wide approach for exchanging environmental information between states, the EPA, tribes, and other Exchange network partners. NMED's award represents a successful collaboration between the Information Technology Division (ITD) and NMED programs including the Air Quality Bureau, Drinking Water Bureau, and Surface Water Quality Bureau.

Over the past year, NMED has established new data flows for the Air Quality System, Air Emissions Inventory System, Safe Drinking Water Information System, and the Water Quality Exchange. NMED Applications Services Bureau Chief, Mary Montoya coordinated and directed the Department's efforts to develop the new data flows. Tom McMichael, who received the award on behalf of NMED, administers NMED's node on the Exchange Network.

As the Exchange Network has become EPA's standard and preferred approach to exchange data with its partners, NMED continues to develop new data flows. The Department currently has two active data flow projects involving Ground Water and Surface Water data.

Almost all program areas within the Environment Department have some reporting requirements to EPA, often as a condition of receiving a grant. EPA has indicated that future program grants will require reporting via the Exchange Network, so progress in this area is a substantial benefit to the Department.

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