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Governor Richardson Appoints Jon Goldstein as Deputy Secretary of New Mexico Environment Department

(Santa Fe, NM) – Governor Richardson appointed New Mexico Environment Department Water and Waste Management Division Director Jon Goldstein as Deputy Secretary of the department.

Jon Goldstein takes over for NMED Deputy Secretary Cindy Padilla, who is leaving the department after her appointment by Governor Richardson as the Secretary of the State's Aging and Long Term Services Department.

"Jon Goldstein has proven himself as an innovative thinker and a strong leader in his more than five years in state government," said NMED Secretary Ron Curry. "Jon has what it takes to balance public policy and management responsibilities for the department. He has gained the respect of the department and has been a close confidante of mine for years — I look forward to working with him in his new capacity."

Goldstein began his career in state government as Communications Director for the Environment Department at the beginning of Secretary Curry's first term in office in 2003. Goldstein created efficiency and a new openness with the news media for the Communications Office.

He began working for Governor Richardson in his communications office in 2006 and advanced to the position of Deputy Communications Director. Goldstein became Director of Water and Waste Management for the department in early 2007. In that capacity, he dealt with numerous regulatory decisions related to Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

Goldstein's prior experience includes two years covering business, politics and breaking news for the Baltimore Sun's Web site and two years as a technology reporter with Time Magazine in New York. He is a 1996 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, CT with a degree in History.

"I am deeply honored that Governor Richardson has tapped me for this important position," Deputy Secretary Goldstein said. "I look forward to continuing to work with the dedicated staff at NMED to protect our water, air and the health of citizens throughout New Mexico."

Padilla, who leaves her post as Deputy Secretary after serving in that position since early 2007, was also Water and Waste Management Division Director before being appointed as Deputy Secretary.

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