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**Environment Secretary Re-Elected to the Rocky Mountain Low Level Radioactive
Waste Board**
Secretary Curry Remains Chairman of the Board

(Santa Fe, NM) The Rocky Mountain Low Level Radioactive Waste Board re-elected New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry as chairman of the board at a recent meeting in Santa Fe.

The board, which is an interstate government agency, administers a compact that provides for the disposal of low level radioactive waste produced within the member states of New Mexico, Nevada and Colorado.

“I’m honored to have been re-elected to the board considering the interesting and important decisions regarding low level waste this body will hear,” said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. “Members will make sure that all issues regarding low level waste from Louisiana Energy Services’ uranium enrichment facility and all other low level waste generating facilities are addressed properly.”

The board is also responsible for deciding where low level waste from outside the three-state compact region can be disposed of at a regional facility for such low level waste, the Clean Harbors facility in Colorado. The board has authority to require that any waste generated in the region that is not eligible for disposal in the region is properly exported.

The compact, which was created by legislation passed by member states of Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico, is authorized by federal and state laws. The compact is an independent regulatory organization that is not an agency of any of its member states.

The compact, which regulates certain aspects of low-level radioactive waste management, has jurisdiction over Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and Technologically-Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM).

The board consists of one member appointed by the governor of each member state. Governor Richardson appointed Secretary Curry to the board in 2003. Gary Baughman serves for Colorado Leo Drozdoff maintains a seat for Nevada. Leonard Slosky, the executive director, is employed by the board.

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