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Mr. Richard W. Heim
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Heim:

The area of the environment where several thousand New Mexicans spend a major part of their time is often characterized by death, injury and disease. The problems which have been identified are problems of an environmental nature. Noise, dust, toxic chemicals and fumes are some of the environmental insults which shorten the lives and impair the health of workers, both white and blue collar alike. I am, therefore, requesting that the New Mexico Health and Social Services Department's Environmental Services Division enlarge its involvement in this area.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of New Mexico, and as authorized by federal law, I designate the Environmental Services Division of the Health and Social Services Department as the State Agency responsible for implementing the provisions of the federal Occupational Health and Safety Act, with authority to receive federal grants, and to develop Occupational Health and Safety Standards in the State of New Mexico

Sincerely,


Bruce King
Governor