



SUSANA MARTINEZ  
Governor

JOHN A. SANCHEZ  
Lieutenant Governor

NEW MEXICO  
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

*Office of the Secretary*

Harold Runnels Building  
1190 Saint Francis Drive (87505)  
P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502  
Phone: (505) 827-2855 Fax: (505) 827-2836  
[www.nmenv.state.nm.us](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us)



DAVE MARTIN  
Secretary

RAJ SOLOMON, P.E.  
Deputy Secretary

March 3, 2011

Members of the Liquid Waste Training and Certification Task Force:

I would like to thank you all for the progress report submitted on December 23, 2010. It is obvious that a lot of time and hard work has been put into this endeavor. I appreciate the Task Force's efforts to improve the professionalism in New Mexico's on-site liquid waste industry.

I would like the Task Force to provide their final recommendations to the Department by April 15, 2011. Please make the final recommendations on the three training requirements that former Secretary Curry identified in his July 6, 2010 letter.

As you may be aware, the Department's budget is being significantly reduced, and the Liquid Waste Permit Fee revenues have decreased by more than 50 percent from 2007. Given the current economic climate, expected significant budget reductions for this Department and other considerations, we do not believe that the Department will be able to undertake the certification program currently envisioned by 20.7.3.904 NMAC. In addition, the Department has been asked to make government less burdensome on small businesses. As a result, the Department has filed a petition for proposed rule amendments to 20.7.3.904 NMAC, asking that certification of licensed installers and various other classifications be removed from the rule, and has asked the EIB to schedule a public hearing later this year. However, the Department intends to work with the Construction Industries Division to inform them of the educational needs of professional installers, and your recommendations will be forwarded to them.

Thank you again for your continued voluntary service to the State of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

David Martin  
Environment Secretary

cc:

Raj Solomon, P.E., NMED, Deputy Secretary  
Frank Fiore, EHD, Acting Division Director  
Chuck Noble, NMED, Assistant General Counsel  
Dennis McQuillan, EHD, Liquid Waste Program Manager  
Jim Vincent, EHD, Liquid Waste Specialist, District II