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NM Environment Department Secretary Tongate & NM Attorney General Balderas Statement Regarding Lawsuits against Gold King Mine Contractor Ruling

Santa Fe – This afternoon, New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas and New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Butch Tongate released a joint statement regarding a federal judge’s ruling that lawsuits filed by New Mexico and the Navajo Nation against a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency contractor will proceed:

“We are pleased that our lawsuit against EPA's contractor, Environmental Restoration LLC, will proceed, and we look forward to continuing to work alongside the Navajo Nation to recoup the damages done to our environment, cultural sites, and our economy.”

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