



# State of New Mexico

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*Governor*

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& US First Class Mail

Mr. Leonard Slosky, Executive Director  
Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Board  
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Dear Mr. Slosky,

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Ms. Dana Bahar to be the New Mexico Representative on the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Board. Ms. Bahar currently serves as Acting Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Director at the New Mexico Environment Department.

As Acting Director, Ms. Bahar manages the Air Quality, Climate Change, and Radiation Control Bureaus. Ms. Bahar has previously represented the Department and continues to participate on national and state boards, committees and task forces as listed on her resume (attached). She is well-equipped to represent New Mexico on the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Waste Board. Ms. Bahar can be contacted at (505) 660-4307 or [dana.bahar@env.gov.nm](mailto:dana.bahar@env.gov.nm).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Lujan Grisham".

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

Enclosure

cc: James C. Kenney, NMED Cabinet Secretary  
Dana Bahar, NMED Environmental Protection Division, Acting Director

**Dana Bahar**

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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:** Ms. Bahar has over 28 years of experience in environmental remediation and natural resource protection, and management of environmental programs, particularly pertaining to Superfund, petroleum storage tanks, air quality, climate change and radiation control and climate change regulations and initiatives.

**EDUCATION:**

- Master of Science, Geology, July 1991, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico
- Bachelor of Arts, Geology, May 1987, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**February 2022 - present: Deputy Division Director/Acting Division Director, New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Environmental Protection Division, Santa Fe, NM**

Manage and oversee operations of the division consisting of three bureaus (Air Quality, Radiation Control, and Climate Change) including more than 100 staff and multiple budgets totaling nearly \$18 million. Participate in legislative initiatives, regulation development, strategic planning, stakeholder outreach, process improvement and streamlining of division operations.

**January 2012 - February 2022: Bureau Chief, NMED Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau, Santa Fe, NM**

Manage and oversee bureau operations consisting of over 40 staff, fiscal management of \$4.5 million operating budget and \$12 to \$14 million remediation budget; development and implementation of regulations, policies and guidelines pertaining to pollution prevention and inspection, and remedial actions related to underground and above ground storage tank systems. Coordinate and engage with EPA Region 6, other federal, state, tribal, and local government officials. Participate in legislative initiatives, strategic planning, stakeholder outreach and, process improvement and streamlining of Bureau operations.

**June 1996 - January 2012 : Superfund Oversight Section of the Ground Water Quality Bureau, NMED, Santa Fe, NM**

(Manager 2004 – 2012; Supervisor 1998 – 2004; Project Manager - Site Assessment and Remedial Action 1996 – 1994)

- Manage and oversee operations of Program or 9 staff. Secure and manage 6 budgets from \$45,000 to \$5 million. Represent the Department and present complex technical briefings at public meetings and to various Boards, Commissions, and Councils. Coordinate and facilitate relationships with EPA Region 6, Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, US Forest Service, New Mexico Office of the Natural Resources Trustee, and other federal, state, tribal, and local government officials. Technical oversight of site investigations; evaluation of remedial alternatives; oversight of remedial actions at National Priority List sites and, removal actions and oversight of contractors.
- Concurrently serve as Acting Program Manager Remediation Oversight Section (June 2007 – November 2008) Manage four (4) state-wide programs (Voluntary Remediation Program, Brownfields Program, Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program and NM Water Quality Act Remediation Program) - 8 staff and 10 funding sources consistent with performance-based budgeting and grant deliverables.

**1994 - 1996: Underground Storage Tank Bureau, Remedial Action Program NMED, Santa Fe, NM**

Project manage and oversee site investigations; evaluation of remedial alternatives; oversight of remediation activities; development of regulations, policies, and guidelines; and selection and oversight of contractors.

**PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZATIONS**

- Climate Change Task Force, NMED Staff (March 2022- Present)
- US Climate Alliance, NMED Staff Participant (March 2022- Present)
- Sustainable Economy Task Force, NMED Interim Designee (May 2022 – Present)
- Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials
  - Region 6 Board Representative (2015 -2018)
  - Member of numerous task forces and focus groups. (1998 – 2022)
  - Designated New Mexico voting member of the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials. (2012-2022)
- Acting Chair, New Mexico Environment Department Representative the Storage Tank Committee. (2012 - 2018)
- New Mexico Environment Department Representative to the Water Quality Control Commission (October – December 2018)