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Environment Department Settles Enforcement Action with Intrepid Potash

Carlsbad, NM – The New Mexico Environment Department has entered into a settlement agreement with Intrepid Potash – New Mexico LLC with a total monetary value of \$76,000 to resolve alleged violations of air quality permits at the company’s East Plant Facility.

“The Environment Department remains fully committed to protecting the air New Mexicans breathe,” said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary-Designate Ryan Flynn. “We take these violations seriously and we are very pleased Intrepid promptly implemented corrective action to fix these violations.”

The violations were discovered during an onsite inspection that took place in March 2012. The allegations include matters pertaining to monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements. The company took prompt actions to correct the identified problems.

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