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Kewa Pueblo (fka Santo Domingo Pueblo)
Governor Thomas Moquino
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Governor Ben Lujan
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Pueblo de Cochiti
Governor Benji Herrera
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Pueblo de San Ildefonso
Governor Christopher Moquino
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Governor Charles Riley
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Pueblo of Jemez
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Pueblo of Laguna
Governor Harry Antonio, Jr.
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Pueblo of Pojoaque
Governor Janelle Roybal
governor@pojoaque.org

Re: NMED plans for the cleanup of three abandoned uranium mines in the Grants Mining District

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Pueblo of San Felipe
Governor Anthony Ortiz
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Re: NMED plans for the cleanup of three abandoned uranium mines in the Grants Mining District

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Pueblo of Sandia
Governor Felix L. Chaves
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Re: NMED plans for the cleanup of three abandoned uranium mines in the Grants Mining District

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Pueblo of Santa Ana
Governor Myron Armijo
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Pueblo of Santa Clara
Governor James Naranjo
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Pueblo of Taos
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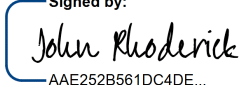
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Pueblo of Tesuque
Governor Earl Samuel
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Pueblo of Zia
Governor Lambert Pino
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Re: NMED plans for the cleanup of three abandoned uranium mines in the Grants Mining District

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Pueblo of Zuni
Governor Arden L. Kucate
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Re: NMED plans for the cleanup of three abandoned uranium mines in the Grants Mining District

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Fort Sill Apache Tribe
Chairwoman Jennifer Heminokeky
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Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
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