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MARTINEZ ADMINISTRATION **Environmental Successes**

The Environment Department's mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations.

Kirtland Air Force Base, from standstill to cleanup. Martinez administration brought the U.S. Air Force, City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, neighbors, stakeholder groups, and the state's regulators at the Environment Department together to agree on and move forward on cleanup. After years of inattention, cleanup at the site is now progressing.

WIPP, largest settlement in the history of the DOE. Following a radiation leak at WIPP in 2014, caused by a drum improperly packed at LANL, the Martinez Administration held the U.S. Dept. of Energy accountable to New Mexicans with a \$74 million settlement; the largest of its kind.

Gold King Mine Catastrophe, vigilance and accountability. When the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency shirked their responsibility to pay for monitoring and cleanup of the Gold King Mine Spill that they caused which pollutes New Mexico's Animas watershed to this day, the Martinez Administration held them accountable--along with mine owners, contractors and the State of Colorado. Martinez appointed the multi-agency Long-Term Monitoring Team to obtain real data that keeps New Mexican's safe from the toxic effects of the heavy metals, such as lead, that were deposited in the river.

Safe Clean Drinking Water for New Mexicans. The Martinez Administration sees that New Mexico's 1,000-plus public water systems are safe--in compliance with the regulations. Currently, 97% of New Mexicans served by public community water systems meet the human health based drinking water quality standards. And when they don't the state's Environment Department works with them through assistance, enforcement, or both to ensure safe, clean drinking water.

Smart Water Use in a Dry State, Portales & Mill Pond Refuge. In Portales, the Martinez Administration's Environment Department awarded \$27 million in Clean Water State Revolving funds for a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility. The facility's effluent reuse system enables once-used water to be cleaned, stored, and then used a second time for irrigation. Similarly, in Albuquerque at the Sawmill Village, the Martinez Administration's Environment Department joined the public/private collaboration to safely permit and install a wastewater to effluent system that feeds an urban greenspace creating a wildlife refuge, in the heart of the city—the Mill Pond Refuge.

Berino, Wholesome Valley Farms – cleaning up the water, fostering investment, and creating jobs. The Martinez Administration worked with Wholesome Valley Farms to fund the overhaul of an old egg processing facility and clean up the groundwater in a designated Colonia to create a modern greenhouse farming operation. A grant from the Environment Department's Voluntary Remediation Program funds the work to pump the nitrate contaminated water, dilute it with fresher water, and then use it for agriculture.

New Food Safety Rules Are Protecting New Mexicans. It's been estimated that restaurants in New Mexico serve up a half million meals per day; and the Martinez Administration's Environment Department oversees the safety of food establishments outside of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. In 2016, the rules protecting New Mexican's were revised to conform more closely with national standards enhancing health and safety, but also streamlining the ability of food producers to export their goods and strengthen the economy.

Carlsbad Brine Well. Due to naturally occurring phenomena, in combination with industry activity, a potential brine well sink hole was revealed to exist in Carlsbad with no immediate Responsible Party. The danger to public safety, quality of life, and economic activity was clear when Governor Martinez appointed a task force to work closely with state agencies including NMED, to develop feasible options to both protect the environment while cost effectively addressing a multi-million dollar threat to the community. Through statewide agency and legislative negotiations, guided by the Governor, the Environment Department is now overseeing collaborative investment and resolution of what was formerly a divisive and Unremediated environmental hazard.

Copper Rule. As Governor Martinez has stated, “Regulatory certainty creates economic certainty,” and under her leadership the Environment Department has worked modernize rules and policies across the air, water, and land to improve fairness and consistency of application. Environmental regulation of the Copper industry to protect our state’s natural resources is a prime example. Formerly subject to the whims of interpretation with variances used in the majority of instances; former copper industry regulations were inconsistent. Following the NM Legislature’s directives to review and improve this area of regulation, NMED’s experts worked with stakeholders and finalized on of the strongest copper rules in the U.S. The rule is so clear and consistent, that it has withstood numerous false allegations and legal challenges; being upheld by the New Mexico Supreme Court in 2018.

Largest Reduction in NM History of Greenhouse Gases. Following negotiations to shut down certain plants in the Four Corners Region, led by NMED with Governor Martinez’s leadership, the state will achieve the largest reduction in greenhouse gases ever accomplished under any Governor.