



**Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 31, 2004**  
**Cities of Gold Hotel**  
**10 Cities of Gold Road**  
**Pojoaque, New Mexico**

Members in Attendance

Katherine Guidry, Chair  
 Jim Brannon  
 Dr. Fran Berting  
 Dorothy Hoard  
 Jay Fries  
 Jim Johnston  
 Abad Sandoval  
 Jim Janis  
 Grace Perez  
 Barbara Gonzales  
 Raye Byford  
 David Church

Members Excused

Erlinda Gonzales  
 Timothy DeLong

Members Absent

Governor John Gonzales  
 Governor Raymond Loretto  
 Elmer Torres  
 Armando Benavidez  
 Shannon Aragon

Ex-Officio Members

Beverley Ramsey, LANL  
 Rich Mayer, EPA  
 Sandra Martin, NMED

Guests

Brenda Finley, DOE-LASO  
 Dr. Paul Schumann, LANL/RRES  
 Carmen Rodriguez, LANL/RRES  
 Roger Snodgrass, Los Alamos Monitor  
 Charles Lundstrom, NMED/WWMD  
 Representative Jeannette Wallace  
 John Kieling, NMED  
 Howard Granzow, LANL/RRES  
 Tom Starke, LANL/RRES

Deputy Designated Federal Officer

Ted Taylor, DOE-LASO

Staff

Menice Manzanares, Executive Director  
 Grace Roybal, Administrative Assistant  
 William Hiller, Community Outreach Specialist  
 Eddie Roybal, Sound Technician

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM** by Ted Taylor, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, who then turned the proceedings over to Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB) Chair Katherine Guidry. The meeting was open to the public and posted in the Federal Register in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Roll call established 12 members present at the start of the meeting.

Ms. Guidry asked everyone present to introduce themselves for the benefit of new members. Mr. Taylor announced the appointment of Deputy Chief Raye Byford of the Santa Fe Police Department, and welcomed him to the CAB.

- II. The Chair called for approval of the meeting agenda.** Dorothy Hoard made a motion to approve the agenda, with a second from Abad Sandoval. **The agenda was approved unanimously.**
- III. The Chair called for approval of the January 26, 2004, board meeting minutes.** The Board briefly reviewed the minutes. Dorothy Hoard noted an inaccurate paraphrasing of her comments during the discussion of the CAB's 2004 meeting schedule, and requested a minor revision. Fran Berting called attention to a typographical error. Abad Sandoval made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, with a second from Fran Berting. **The minutes were approved unanimously, as amended.**
- IV. The Chairman called for public comment.** There was no public comment.
- V. Consideration and Action of Proposed Bylaws Amendment No. 5, as per Section XII, page 13 of the NNM CAB Bylaws.** Ms. Guidry indicated that the first reading of this amendment occurred at the January 26, 2004, CAB meeting, and reviewed the intent of the amendment, which would move the deadline for the annual CAB self-evaluation back from September 30 to December 31 of each year. The Board briefly discussed the advantage of scheduling the evaluation after fiscal year-end activities in September. Mr. Taylor noted that approval of an amendment to the Bylaws would require a two-thirds majority of the entire CAB membership. Because a two-thirds majority (13 people) of the entire CAB membership (19 people) was not present at the meeting, the vote on Amendment No. 5 was tabled until the next CAB meeting.
- VI. First Reading of Proposed Bylaws Amendment No. 6.** Ms. Guidry informed the Board that this was the first reading of this amendment, which modifies Article V, Paragraph A.3., and Article V, Paragraph V.8. She read aloud the proposed amendment to V.A.3., which currently reads as follows:

3. The Chair or his/her designee may draft and issue press releases and represent the work and positions of the Board within the following parameters:
  - a. The Board may delegate media responsibilities on an ad hoc or any other appropriate basis, in accordance with the majority vote of the Board or in accordance with the recommendations and reports adopted by the Board.

The proposed Amendment No. 6 would amend V.A.3. to read:

3. The Chair or his/her designee may draft and issue press releases and represent the work and positions of the Board before legislative and administrative bodies, to include DOE and regulatory agencies, and before interest groups and the general public within the following parameters:
  - a. The Board may delegate media responsibilities and responsibilities for interaction with the groups described in V.A.3 above on an ad hoc or any other appropriate basis, in accordance with the majority vote of the Board or in accordance with the recommendations and reports adopted by the Board.
  - b. Between meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee may, by majority

vote and in writing, delegate responsibility for press releases and legislative, administrative, and public interactions to any member of the Board. Such delegation may not be redelegated.

Ms. Guidry then read aloud the proposed amendment to V.A.8., which currently reads as follows:

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8. The Chair serves between regular meetings of the Board as contact for DOE as well as the participating and regulatory agencies, legislative bodies, interest groups, and the general public. This responsibility may be delegated pursuant to the provisions of Article V.A.3.

Ms. Guidry opened the floor for discussion. Jim Janis suggested that, as a general practice, the entire Board should receive a written transcript or summary of any comments made by the CAB Chair or other delegated members on behalf of the Board to external groups, especially regarding topics on which the Board has not officially deliberated. Dorothy Hoard requested that the language of the amendment be modified to explicitly state that members speaking on behalf of the Board should not interject their own opinions or imply positions that the CAB had not officially taken. There was a general discussion regarding how best to finalize the language of the amendment so as not to hamper the ability of delegates to voice minority opinions or to address issues within their personal areas of expertise. It was agreed that a modification would be finalized during the break, approved later in the meeting, and inserted into the amendment as part of its first reading.

Abad Sandoval raised a concern regarding the Community Involvement Committee's Speakers Bureau, whereby CAB members make public presentations to various groups as requested. Mr. Taylor pointed out that under the current Bylaws only a majority approval of the Board may authorize members to speak to the public, and therefore the Speakers Bureau did not currently have the authority to go out and make speeches, even from a canned presentation. However, he added that Amendment No. 6 would provide the Executive Committee with a proper mechanism to allow the Speakers Bureau to operate as planned. Because the Speakers Bureau already had some presentations planned for the near future, the Board discussed providing the Community Involvement Committee with an explicit approval to make presentations to external organizations, as per the existing Bylaws. There was a general consensus to address this issue during the New Business period of the meeting.

## **VII. Board Business**

### **a. Recruitment/Membership Update -**

Menice Manzanares announced the recent resignations of Donald Jordan and Wayne Wentworth, and described efforts to recruit new members to fill their seats. She indicated that five applicants had responded to recent advertisements, and that interviews would be held the second week of April 2004. Ms. Manzanares also acknowledged the recent appointment of Raye Byford, and

stated that she and Elmer Torres were again planning to meet with the governors of the four Accord Pueblos to discuss their representation on the CAB. The Board briefly discussed the need to focus on retention as well as recruitment, especially the need for new-member orientations, scheduled as half-day sessions repeated several times per year with input from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), and the Department of Energy (DOE), as well as conducting exit interviews for departing members. Ms. Perez suggested that a survey of ex-members be conducted to determine any trends regarding factors that contributed to their departure. Mr. Taylor suggested that the CAB develop administrative procedures relating to recruitment and retention by fleshing out the existing recruitment plan, as well as administrative procedures for the orientation program. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would address these issues in the near future.

**b. Report from Chair – Katherine Guidry**

Ms. Guidry referred to her written report, a copy of which is kept with these minutes.

She informed the Board of the resignation of Jim Brannon from the chairmanship of the CAB, and noted that, according to the CAB Bylaws, the Vice Chair becomes the Chair until the next regular election in September.

Ms. Guidry announced the verbal agreement on March 19, 2004, between the DOE and NMED regarding the Corrective Action Order, with a written draft due to be released on May 1, 2004, followed by a public comment period. She added that it was not yet determined whether cleanup monies being withheld by the DOE would be released prior to finalization of the written agreement. Mr. Janis suggested that the CAB have some comments or a recommendation prepared for approval at the May 22, 2004, CAB meeting.

Ms. Guidry briefly described the DOE's plans to transfer Environmental Management (EM) activities at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in Fiscal 2006, although there is currently no plan in place to transfer the NNM CAB to the NNSA. She noted that this topic was discussed during the January 30, 2004, Site Specific Advisory Board Chairs' Bi-Monthly Conference Call, during which Sandra Waisley, Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and Public Accountability at DOE, indicated that the CAB paradigm is not the only method of public involvement being considered after this transition. Brenda Finely said that she would work with Ralph Erickson, DOE Los Alamos Area Manager, to get proper funding approved by Congress to allow the CAB to continue once EM moves to NNSA.

Ms. Guidry presented a transcript of a speech given by Jessie Roberson, DOE Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, to a Waste Management symposium held in Tucson, AZ, and asked the Board members to provide her with any feedback or concerns prior to the April 23, 2004, meeting in Washington, D.C. A copy of this speech is kept with these minutes. Mr. Janis pointed out that Ms. Roberson's speech seemed to indicate that the DOE's Risk-Based End State document and decisions will in fact be substituted for the environmental regulations and standards currently in place in EM policies and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit, and that it was therefore very important that the NNM CAB provide comment on this matter.

Ms. Guidry briefly reviewed comments favorable to the CAB made by LANL Director Pete Nanos during his recent State of the Lab address.

Ms. Guidry requested that all the Board members review the qualifications of Margo Covington, who will be facilitating at the Board retreat in May 2004.

**c. Report from DOE – Ted Taylor, DDFO**

Mr. Taylor presented his written report as well as several supplements, copies of which are kept with these minutes.

He briefly reviewed the status of the NNM CAB budget and year-to-date expenditures, noting that the budgets for Training and for Public Notices and Ads have already been exhausted, and the budget for Travel will likely have an overrun.

Mr. Taylor informed the Board that Dr. John Till of Risk Assessment Corporation (RAC) was asking the Board to reconsider whether it would like to evaluate grant applications from public individuals and groups who wish to review and comment on RAC's comprehensive risk assessment study of LANL. The Board had previously declined to participate in this grant program. Mr. Taylor suggested that the Board could address this issue during the New Business period of the meeting, if it so desired.

Mr. Taylor informed the Board that new guidelines require him to obtain a letter of exception from DOE for any CAB member who is employed by a company that is the prime contractor for at DOE facility.

Mr. Taylor stated that Ralph Erickson submitted DOE's response to Recommendation 2003-8 (Unreasonable Time Constraints for DOE Directives) on March 29, 2004.

Mr. Taylor indicated that on March 8, 2004, Ralph Erickson informed DOE's Jessie Roberson that the Los Alamos Site Office (LASO) had adopted the option entitled "Execute DOE Support Service Contract with a Section 8(a) Small Business" in order to provide long-term support for the CAB. This is the same option that LASO has used since 2001.

Mr. Taylor asked Board members to review and report any mistakes in the "NNM CAB Board Member Demographic Characteristics" table included in his written report.

**d. Report from Executive Director – Menice Manzanares**

Ms. Manzanares thanked the NNM CAB staff and Mr. Taylor for covering her absence over the preceding weeks due to her surgery, and thanked the Board for all of its support. She then informed the Board that William Hiller had given notice to leave the CAB staff, although he will continue to work remotely for a time, and then presented him with a gift on behalf of the Board. She asked Mr. Hiller to update the Board on the status of the Annual Report. Mr. Hiller indicated that he needed to obtain descriptive narratives from the Community Involvement Committee or the Executive Committee on major CAB events from 2003.

**e. 2004 NNM CAB Retreat – Menice Manzanares**

Ms. Manzanares briefly updated the Board on the plans and agenda for the annual retreat, May 20-22, 2004. Mr. Taylor indicated that the Executive Committee had invited representatives from EPA, NMED, DOE and LANL to attend discussions with the CAB at the retreat.

**The meeting was recessed for a break from 3:05 – 3:20 PM.**

**f. New Business**

Ms. Guidry opened the floor for new business items.

Dorothy Hoard addressed the Board regarding DOE's new Office of Legacy Management (OLM) which is due to take over DOE sites that are slated for closure. She indicated that the OLM will be tasked with long-term environmental stewardship at these sites, and the CAB has been invited to comment on it. Ms. Hoard noted that the public comment period is due to close on this day (March 31, 2004), so she suggested that if the Board would like to submit comments,

she would draft something during the dinner break for consideration later in the meeting. Of the five goals included in OLM's strategy, Ms. Hoard indicated that the following would be of direct interest for the CAB:

- Effective and efficient long-term surveillance and maintenance
- Preservation and protection of legacy records and information
- Management of legacy land and assets emphasizing safety, re-use, and disposition

Ms. Guidry suggested that comments from Board members be consolidated into a single document and finalized by the Executive Committee at its next meeting. Mr. Taylor indicated that Sandra Waisley would still accept comments up through that date. After some discussion, **Fran Berting made a motion that the Board members' comments be consolidated into a draft letter for approval at the April 6, 2004, Executive Committee meeting, and that the Board authorize the Executive Committee to release the letter upon finalization. Jay Fries seconded the motion.** After some additional discussion regarding how the Board might focus on areas of implementation within the strategic plan that require more detail, **Abad Sandoval called for the question. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Jay Fries made a motion that the Board authorize the Community Involvement Committee to make presentations that are requested by the public and other organizations based on the "canned" speaker's bureau presentation that has already been developed. Abad Sandoval seconded the motion.** There was some discussion regarding how presenters should handle question-and-answer sessions that do not directly relate to the speaker's bureau presentation. Mr. Sandoval indicated that the speakers would be instructed to refer such questions to appropriate agencies for a response. Mr. Johnston suggested that some administrative guidance be developed to train speakers how to properly handle questions that are outside the scope of the CAB's mission. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ted Taylor asked the Board if they would like to reconsider their position on administering the public grant program under Risk Assessment Corporation's (RAC) comprehensive risk assessment study of LANL. The Board briefly discussed the propriety and impropriety of being involved directly in the RAC project and acting as a clearinghouse for approving and denying grant requests. The Board maintained a general consensus that the CAB would be most effective as an independent observer. **Jay Fries made a motion that the Board respectfully decline Dr. Till's offer to participate in RAC's grant administration process, and that Ted Taylor be designated to notify Dr. Till. Abad Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Johnston informed the Board that he had had the CAB staff assemble a book of minutes, agendas, and other meeting documentation for the Waste Management Committee, to which he had also started attaching email correspondence related to committee business. He recommended that this practice is something that might benefit all of the CAB committees, especially as a tool for incoming committee chairs. Ms. Manzanares indicated that the CAB staff was already in the process of preparing similar books for the other committees.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **a. Executive Committee**

Ms. Guidry asked Jim Brannon to review the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) trip in Tim

DeLong's absence. Mr. Brannon summarized the pros and cons of having constituency representation on the Board, which was an important difference between the HAB and the NNM CAB. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of constituencies, noting that they might reduce turnover and ensure diversity and accountability, but could also dominate discussions to the detriment of at-large members, as well as present difficulties in determining precisely what organizations or industries obtain representation. Ms. Perez indicated that she had prior experience in an organization that was half constituent seats and half at-large seats, and that she would draft up some comments on the advantages of this structure and distribute them to the Board. Jim Brannon noted that the HAB's situation is very different from the NNM CAB, but that the merits of constituencies bear further examination.

**b. Environmental Monitoring, Surveillance and Remediation (EMSR) Committee**

Jay Fries reviewed the briefings that the EMSR committee had at its prior two meetings, including:

- Meteorology and Air Quality Group – Mr. Fries briefly described the MAQ's concern about public exposure to contaminants and radioactive isotopes, and how their monitoring stations positioned around Los Alamos routinely measure levels below background levels. He noted that the MAQ programs do not involve stack monitoring or industrial exposure by workers on LANL property.
- Passive Reactive Barrier (PRB) in Mortandad Canyon – Mr. Fries informed the Board that the initial report on PRB performance was inconclusive and failed to provide "proof of principle" due to a drought-induced lack of groundwater flow in Mortandad Canyon after the PRB became operational in October 2003.
- Groundwater monitoring – Mr. Fries reported that the EMSR Committee had learned that additional wells were being planned in Mortandad Canyon to determine the extent of perchlorate contamination in the regional aquifer.

Mr. Fries also stated that the EMSR Committee had finalized its workplan, combined from the individual workplans of the former EMS and ER Committees.

**c. Waste Management (WM) Committee**

Mr. Johnston summarized topics from the committee's prior two meetings, including:

- Quick-to-WIPP (QTW) – Mr. Johnston reported that based on a presentation by James Nunz, Waste Management Program Manager at NNSA-LASO, QTW shipments are anticipated to start up again in December 2004, following the March 19, 2004, agreement on the Corrective Action Order.
- Area G Forum – Mr. Johnston indicated that the WM Committee would set up a planning session with the Community Involvement Committee to create a public involvement plan for this event.
- TRUPACT III – Mr. Johnston summarized a presentation from Westinghouse Corporation on the TRUPACT III shipment container. He identified a few of the committee's concerns regarding the specifications of the container in regards to its use to transport transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). He stated that Westinghouse was expected to provide a response to the committee's specific questions, and that he anticipates the committee preparing some recommendations on these issues. Mr. Johnston asked the NNM CAB staff to send a reminder to Dr. Devarakonda at Westinghouse.
- Budget issues – Regarding the handover to NNSA in Fiscal 2006, Mr. Johnston reported

that James Nunz was uncertain whether the transition would affect budgets currently allocated for waste management programs at LANL. Mr. Johnston indicated that Mr. Nunz would report back to the committee at a later date. Brenda Finley added that Ralph Erickson is very committed to addressing these budget issues.

**d. Community Involvement Committee (CIC)**

Mr. Sandoval reported that the CIC has been actively recruiting for organizations to which the Speaker's Bureau could make presentations, with a focus on developing an educational outreach component that would involve high school and/or college students. In addition to these outreach efforts, Mr. Sandoval provided a brief update on other activities, including:

- NNM CAB Retreat – Mr. Sandoval briefly discussed the negotiations with Margo Covington to be a facilitator for the Board retreat in May 2004.
- Newsletter – Mr. Sandoval asked Ms. Guidry to provide an update. Ms. Guidry indicated that the Spring 2004 issue is still in development, as several articles still need to be completed.
- Los Alamos Earth Day festivities – Mr. Sandoval asked the Board for additional volunteers to cover two-hour shifts at the NNM CAB booth on April 24, 2004.

**e. Comments from Ex-Officio Members**

Ms. Guidry invited Brenda Finley, DOE-LASO, to address the Board. Ms. Finley distributed a resume' and bio of Ed Wilmott, incoming DOE Los Alamos Area Manager, and discussed his credentials and prior experience. She indicated that his first day at LASO would be April 5, 2004, and that she would be certain to discuss the CAB and other LANL community involvement activities.

Ms. Finley stated that LASO will have a comprehensive public involvement plan (PIP) in place by the end of the fiscal year, and that the PIP will be shared with the CAB upon its completion. Abad Sandoval recommended that the PIP address the need for technical support of public programs, such as a groundwater monitoring program recently initiated at Las Vegas Highlands University. Ms. Finley agreed. She then thanked the CAB for its support during major DOE initiatives, and for its scheduled attendance at the upcoming workshop on remedial alternatives for retrievable transuranic waste.

Ms. Guidry invited Rich Mayer, EPA, to address the Board. Mr. Mayer informed the Board that technical assistance grants will be available through the EPA. He then updated the Board on recent EPA activities including assisting with risk assessment in Acid Canyon, as well as soil sampling along the Rio Grande near Santa Clara and Ancho Canyon (for which preliminary findings show only slight elevated levels of radioactive contamination near Ancho Canyon). Additionally, Mr. Mayer indicated that, in the middle of April 2004, EPA will be evaluating areas where NMED is concerned that LANL is not meeting human exposure regulations per RCRA, such as Otowi Canyon, certain areas over the old sewer lines, etc. He stated that EPA's nationwide goal is to have human exposures designated as "controlled" at 95% of the high-priority RCRA facilities by 2005.

Mr. Johnston asked Mr. Mayer about EPA's docket regarding the resumption of shipments to WIPP,. (Dockets contain Federal Register notices, support documents, and public comments for regulations that the EPA publishes, as well as for various non-regulatory activities.) Mr. Mayer responded that he would determine the status of the docket and get back with Mr. Johnston.



Ms. Guidry invited Carmen Rodriguez to address the Board on behalf of LANL's Risk Reduction and Environmental Stewardship (RRES) Division Leader Beverly Ramsey, who had not yet arrived. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed that she and Paul Schumann were working on the Public Involvement Plan for RRES and LANL. She also reminded the Board that there would be a quarterly groundwater meeting and poster session on April 12, 2004, at Cities of Gold Hotel, as well as a meeting regarding Material Disposal Area H on April 14, 2004. Ms. Rodriguez also informed the Board of a new groundwater outreach office being established in Espanola, to be run by Charles Nylander. She indicated that she would follow-up with Mr. Nylander about the possibility of providing technical assistance to Highland University's groundwater monitoring project, which Mr. Sandoval had discussed earlier in the meeting.

**The meeting was recessed for dinner at 5:08 PM, and reconvened at 6:00 PM.**

**IX. The Chairman called for public comment.** There was no public comment.

**X. Presentation by Ms. Sandra Martin, Bureau Chief, NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau**

Ms. Martin made a presentation to the Board regarding the structure, mission and programs of the Hazardous Waste Bureau. A copy of her presentation handout is kept with these minutes. Ms. Martin explained the authority given to the State of New Mexico by the EPA to administer permitting and corrective actions under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and reviewed the various activities of the Bureau, including its Enforcement Program, the Permit Management Program, corrective actions, the Financial and Data Management Program (which provides administrative support), and the Bureau's information repository. She noted that the Bureau has been attempting to increase its effectiveness through the "white hat" approach of community outreach and public involvement, rather than only using the "black hat" approach of enforcement. Ms. Martin encouraged the CAB to be active in the review of RCRA permit changes, "No Further Action" documents (indicating for a parcel of land that no additional cleanup is necessary for a particular type of use), and all LANL cleanup decisions, as well as to actively participate in hearings, review long-term stewardship decisions, and promote stakeholder involvement. She then opened up the floor for questions.

In the question and answer period, Ms. Martin discussed the budgetary restrictions faced by the Bureau as its workload has increased, noting that the Corrective Action Grant (also called House Bill 19) would provide some relief, along with more effective planning and prioritization. She clarified that the Bureau currently has a staff of only 44 people, with approximately 60% involved in permitting-related activities, and 40% providing administration and support, although the Corrective Action Grant would be used to increase the staff in the next fiscal year. Ms. Martin acknowledged that the Bureau currently receives \$1.2 million in funding and technical support from the EPA, with a 25% match from the General Fund. She stated that approximately 60% of that amount helps fund the permitting activities of the Bureau, and that the Bureau is increasing its fee rates to help fund increased document review and enforcement activities.

Dorothy Hoard inquired as to whether the Bureau would be able to support a new initiative for High Performance Teams. Ms. Martin indicated that current budgets and work schedules would generally limit involvement in the immediate future, as all Bureau resources will be allocated to staffing and support of the Corrective Action Order (CAO). There was a general discussion of how the Bureau would meet the CAO schedule, and how the CAB might be most effective in providing support for the Bureau's activities.

Rich Mayer offered to loan some of the EPA's risk assessors and document reviewers to the Bureau if they needed additional assistance with their workload.

Beverly Ramsey assured the Board that the relationship between LANL and the NMED was not "broken" following the CAO negotiations, and that the two organizations appear committed to working together to move forward on cleanup issues.

Dorothy Hoard asked whether the Bureau would be able to access certain databases at LANL in the future. Beverly Ramsey responded that data integration programs are in progress and due to be rolled out by the early part of Fiscal 2005.

**XI. Remarks by Ron Curry, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department**

Charles Lundstrom apologized that Secretary Curry could not attend, and indicated that he would present a review of the NMED's activities on the Secretary's behalf. He elaborated briefly on the Corrective Action Grant, noting that legislative hiring limits affect overall NMED staffing just as much as budget restrictions. He indicated that NMED is looking at how the Corrective Action Grant can be used to leverage more federal funds and create additional authorized FTE's (full-time equivalents). Mr. Lundstrom also reported that Secretary Curry and other NMED senior management would be meeting with the EPA on April 2, 2004, regarding implementation issues related to the CAO. He then reviewed other ongoing activities, emphasizing that the Hazardous Waste Bureau's current priority is to effectively implement the CAO. Additionally, he reminded the Board that the CAO agreement would become available for public comment on May 1, 2004. Mr. Lundstrom briefly summarized other department divisions, noting that NMED would like to get more Surface Water Quality personnel out into the field throughout the state.

**The meeting was recessed for a break from 7:25 – 7:30 PM.**

**XII. Presentation of Video on Groundwater Issues in New Mexico**

Charles Lundstrom introduced the NMED's water quality video, produced by NMED staff with assistance from the University of New Mexico, and Gay Dillingham of the Environmental Improvement Board. The video, which includes interviews with Governor Bill Richardson, Secretary Curry, Representative Tom Udall, and others, reviews the necessity of water conservation throughout New Mexico, noting current trends and why it is important to implement changes to maintain quality as well as quantity, especially during drought conditions. The video cites major contaminant sources statewide such as septic effluent, dairy wastewater and nitrates, and chlorinated solvents (such as from dry cleaning businesses), as well national laboratory contaminants including radioactive wastewater, metals, high explosives, and perchlorate from LANL.

**XIII. Recap of Meeting.** This item was skipped.

**XIV. The Chair entertained a motion for adjournment. Dorothy Hoard made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Jay Fries. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.**