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Subject: Federal/State Agreement Concerning the Surface Management of Locatable Minerals
on Federal Lands in New Mexico

The attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (BLM MOU-2004-003) replaces BLM MOU 1422G-910-MOU-9711 to conform with the new 43 CFR 3809 regulations. Please destroy the previous version of this MOU. It provides for a joint Federal/State program, where each agency retains its authority to permit and monitor operations under their respective regulations while requiring maximum coordination, and the minimizing of duplication.

The MOU addresses coordinated permit processing procedures; joint financial assurance; joint inspection and enforcement and public participation, and periodic coordination meetings.

In the future, this MOU may be retrieved electronically via NMSO's records.

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1 Attachment:
1 – Memorandum of Understanding (8 pp)

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