

NMMA Annual Convention Legislative Committee

September 4-6, 2019



Welcome



Mike Bowen
NMMA Executive Director



Tony Trujillo
Chair Legislative Committee

Legislative Committee

- The NMMA Legislative Committee met weekly during 2019 Legislative Session. Several important legislative bills impacting the mining industry were analyzed.
- A Joint Meeting with the Environment Committee was held on May 22, 2019 in Santa Fe.
- Next Environment/Legislative joint meeting will be scheduled prior to the 2020 Legislative Session after the Interim Committees conclude with their workplans.

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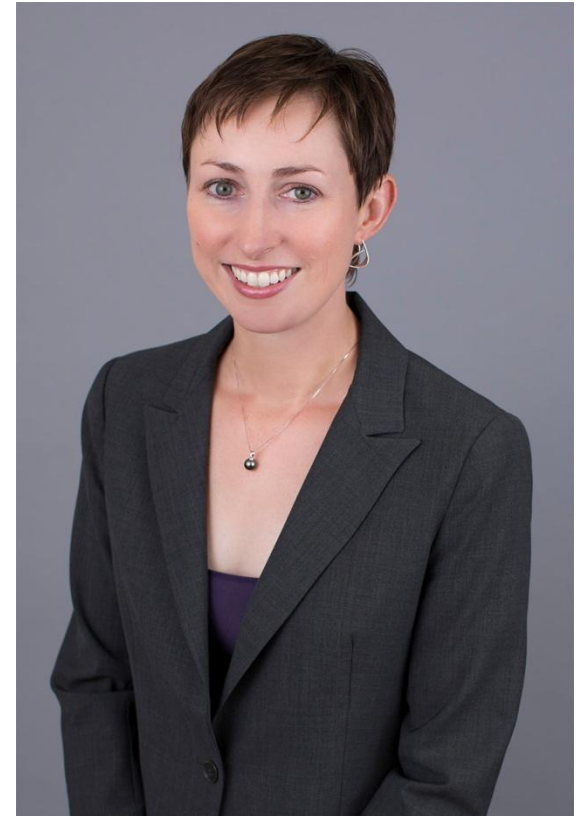
Governor

Michelle Lujan Grisham



NM ED Secretary

James C. Kenney



NM EMNR Secretary

Sarah Cottrell Propst

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Interim Committees: <https://www.nmlegis.gov>

- 24 Interim Committees/Subcommittees
- 4 months left in Interim Calendar before upcoming Session
- All Committees will begin considering draft legislation for endorsement in Nov/Dec
- Interim Committee endorsement does not bind any action to the legislation. Only indicates that the draft bill has been considered by a larger Legislative group

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Interim Committees Impacting Industry:

- Economic & Rural Development Committee
- Indian Affairs Committee
- Legislative Council
- Legislative Finance Committee
- Legislative Health & Human Services Committee
- New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee
- Radioactive & Hazardous Materials Committee
- Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy Committee
- Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee
- Water & Natural Resources Committee

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Upcoming Interim Committee Meetings:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov>

(partial list)

September 25-27, 2019

Legislative Education Study Committee

Silver City, NM

September 25-26, 2019 (topic: environmental justice)

Radio Active & Hazardous Materials Committee

Hobbs, NM

October 17-18, 2019

Water & Natural Resources Committee

Silver City, NM

** All committee meetings return to Santa Fe for Nov & Dec.

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Interim Committee Work Plans

- Each Interim Committee develops work plans of topics/issues that the Committee will discuss during the Interim.
- Several Interim Committees are traveling around the State holding meetings and listening to a variety of topics that are included in their work plan.
- The following are examples of 2 Committee Work Plans that include “mining issues”.

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RADIOACTIVE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMITTEE

- Members:

Rep. Angelica Rubio, Chair
Sen. Jeff Steinborn, Vice Chair
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Phelps Anderson
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Christine Chandler

Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Sen. Ron Griggs
Sen. Gay G. Kernan
Sen. Richard C. Martinez
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Rep. Joseph L. Sanchez

- Advisory Members:

Sen. Gregory A. Baca
Sen. William F. Burt
Sen. Gregg Fulfer
Rep. David M. Gallegos

Sen. William H. Payne
Sen. Clemente Sanchez
Rep. Debra M. Sarinana
Rep. James G. Townsend

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2019 APPROVED WORK PLAN for the RADIOACTIVE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMITTEE

- The Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee was created in 1979 pursuant to the provisions of the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Act. During the 2019 interim, pursuant to Section 74-4A-11 NMSA 1978, the committee will review, as scheduling permits:
- **environmental justice issues** related to radioactive and hazardous materials;
- Department of Environment programs and operations;
- progress and effectiveness of the monitoring and remediation of sites contaminated by radioactive or hazardous materials, including contamination at military bases;
- lead in drinking water;

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- issues pertaining to the historic and current operations of Los Alamos National Laboratory, including proposed plutonium pit production, progress on chromium plume cleanup and updates to the Compliance Order on Consent;
- changes in operations of the federal Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board;
- issues related to Holtec International's proposed consolidated interim storage facility in Eddy and Lea counties;
- operations of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant;
- the URENCO facility in Eunice;
- recycling of produced water and agency rulemaking for produced water;
- advances in stress test technologies;
- a report from the Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force;
- a report from the Carlsbad Brine Well Remediation Authority; and
- legislative recommendations.

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2019 APPROVED

WORK PLAN

WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The entire plan is not included but possible items of interest on the plan which can be viewed at www.nmlegis.gov are:

- a proposed state-level environmental review act;
- Gila River planning process and projects (federal Arizona Water Settlements)
- remediation of the Carlsbad brine well

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2020 30-Day Legislative Session

The Second Session of the 54th Legislature

- **December 16, 2019 - January 17, 2020** Legislation may be prefiled
- **January 21** - Opening day (noon)
- **February 5** - Deadline for introduction
- **February 20** - Session ends (noon)
- **March 11** - Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
- **May 20** - Effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date

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Future looks good for New Mexico

Albuquerque Journal

- For the second straight year, New Mexico lawmakers will likely have a mountain of money available for spending on public schools, roads, health care and other programs.
- The state will have an estimated \$907 million in “new” money available in the coming budget year due primarily to unprecedented oil production levels and related economic growth in southeast New Mexico,
- Overall, the state is on track to spend more than \$7 billion in year-over-year spending this budget year, while revenues are expected to reach an all-time high of nearly \$8 billion for the 2021 budget year, which starts next July.
- In addition, the state is on pace to have nearly \$2.3 billion in reserves at the end of the current budget year, giving legislators options for possible one-time cash infusions – such as road repairs and shoring up the state’s two large public retirement systems.

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2020 30-Day Session

The NMMA Legislative Committee will continue to meet weekly during 2020 Legislative Session.

The bulk of mining legislation is projected to focus on the following issues:

*Energy/Utilities

*Water

*Environment

*Taxes

*Employer/Employee Issues

Questions



THANK YOU