

National:**FREEPORT-McMoRAN**

Congratulations to Freeport-McMoRan for being placed on the Forbes Just 100 List which is a ranking of publicly traded American corporations that are leading the way with regard to the issues that Americans care about the most, including worker pay and treatment, customer respect, environmental impact, community involvement, and ethical and diverse leadership. The rankings provide a comprehensive measurement to determine the best corporate actors and those who prioritize generating positive returns not just for themselves, but for their stakeholders and society.

“The companies we spotlight on the Forbes Just 100 List reflect our belief that corporate accountability is critical when creating systematic changes and reimagining capitalism,” said Forbes Chief Content Officer Randall Lane. “These companies are driving transformative change across industries and leaving a lasting impact on the world.” Freeport-McMoRan ranked #43 on the list.



Dr. Dana Bennett, President of the Nevada Mining Association has announced her retirement effective January 31, 2020. I have worked with Dana for a number of years now and can tell you that she will be greatly missed. Dana on behalf of the New Mexico Mining Association, we wish you all the best.



Hall Quinn wrote to all the State Associations to say his goodbyes as he leaves the National Mining Association for retirement. Hal was a great friend and a real supporter of the nmma. Hal was the Keynote Speaker at one of our Annual Conventions. A very good man who certainly deserves to enjoy his retirement.

State:

Congratulations to NMMA President Erich Bower of Freeport-McMoRan on his reappointment to the New Mexico Mining Commission. Erich was originally appointed by Governor Susanna Martinez, and has now been reappointed by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.



Nearly 250 participants from across the state and region gathered at the Pueblo of Pojoaque's Buffalo Thunder Resort near Santa Fe for the 64th Annual New Mexico Water Conference on November 7 & 8. With the theme this year, "Common Water, Sacred Water: Tribal perspectives on water issues in New Mexico" this first of its kind Annual New Mexico Water Conference addressed water issues facing the tribes, nations and pueblos across New Mexico.

Upcoming events:

December 16 – Legislation may be prefiled for the 2020 Legislative Session

December 20 – Meeting of the EIB in Room 309 of the State Capitol Building will be having a hearing regarding an increase in Fees for Hazardous Waste.

January 21 – 2020 Legislative Session begins at noon

February 11 – NMMA Legislative Board Meeting and Legislative Reception & Dinner