

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO STUDY HOW TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS, ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF ITS DECISIONS AND HOW TO DETERMINE AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPACTS OF ITS DECISIONS ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, one of New Mexico's strengths and highest qualities is the unique nature of its traditional communities and the way of life of residents within those communities; and

WHEREAS, the decisions made by the department of environment in permitting or otherwise approving facilities in or near those communities may significantly affect the traditional values and lifestyles of the communities; and

WHEREAS, the department of environment does not have a systematic manner for taking into account the effects that its decisions have on communities and the residents of those communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of environment study how to effectively address the cumulative impacts, economic impacts and social impacts of its decisions and how to determine and take into account the impacts of its decisions on the quality of life of residents of communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include input from all stakeholders and review the legality and feasibility of adopting rules that will require the department of environment to consider the cumulative impacts, economic impacts and social impacts of proposed decisions on New Mexico's communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be submitted to the appropriate interim legislative committee no later than December 15, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the department of environment.