



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-061

RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDERS PERTAINING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

WHEREAS, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 9-28-1 through 9-28-7, creates the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department in the Executive branch;

WHEREAS, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department was established to consolidate and coordinate homeland security and emergency management functions within the state of New Mexico, to act as the central primary coordinating agency for the state and its political subdivisions, and to act as the conduit for federal assistance and cooperation in order to provide comprehensive and coordinated preparedness, mitigation, prevention, protection, response, and recovery for emergencies, disasters, and acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the directives issued by Governor Richardson in Executive Order 2003-007, which established the Office of Homeland Security Advisor and created the Homeland Security Advisory Committee, Executive Order 2003-050, which established the Office of Homeland Security Advisor as a Deputy Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, and Executive Order 2004-051, which reorganized the Homeland Security Advisory Committee, have been accomplished or are no longer necessary due to the statutory creation of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby order as follows:


1. Executive Orders 2003-007, 2003-050, and 2004-051 shall be rescinded.
2. The State Director of Homeland Security and Management shall serve as a Governor's Authorized Representative for purposes of coordinating the use of state militia resources when necessary to address cases of state emergency and to act on behalf of the Governor in cases of emergency and disaster to ensure that

directives and authorizations made by the Governor are expedited and accomplished, that all applicable laws, regulations, and policies are complied with, and to provide executive oversight of emergency and disaster event activities.

3. The State Director of Homeland Security and Management shall serve as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor and as the State Director of Emergency Management and as such shall serve as the state of New Mexico's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other federal, state, or local entities for the purpose of consulting with and advising on preparation for and responding to emergency situations.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:


MARY HERRERA
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 22nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO



BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR

