

# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Richardson Announces Security Changes Moving From Orange level to Yellow Level**

Santa Fe: Governor Bill Richardson, responding to a national lowering of the terrorist alert status from orange to yellow, ordered the end of National Guard Patrols at the Albuquerque Sunport. Governor Richardson ordered the patrols when the national threat level was raised from yellow to orange three days prior to the beginning of the war with Iraq.

“I have ordered the National Guard to end their patrols of the Albuquerque airport. Additionally the Emergency Operations Center is now back to its normal alert status,” Governor Bill Richardson said.

“I will order tighter security at the airport if we return to a higher alert status,” Richardson said. “However, citizens should continue to be alert.”

Governor Richardson also said today that he is looking forward to additional help from the federal government to protect New Mexico against terrorist attacks.

“The President has now signed the war funding bill. I anticipate that New Mexico will begin to receive first-responder monies soon. My staff is in communication with the National Homeland Security Office to ensure New Mexico receives the money it has been promised.”

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