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## **New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and Texas Governor Rick Perry Announce Beginning of Water Discussions**

Santa Fe: New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and Texas Governor Rick Perry issued the following statement at the Border Governor's Conference taking place in Santa Fe, New Mexico:

### **Joint Statement**

**New Mexico and Texas will begin discussions regarding our compact delivery issues on the Rio Grande and Pecos Rivers.**

**New Mexico and Texas agreed to continue evaluation of groundwater development particularly in Dona Ana County, El Paso and Ciudad Juarez and begin planning for its sustainability.**

**New Mexico and Texas will propose water quality initiatives and strategies to deal with salinity control.**

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