



## Governor Orders National Guard Air Support For Roswell Corrections Facility Isolated by Flooding

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SANTA FE - Governor Richardson today ordered the New Mexico National Guard to provide air support to the Roswell Corrections Facility in response to severe weather and flooding that has blocked normal access to the facility.

“The facility is secure and there have been no incidents. State Police and Corrections Officers have done a great job responding to this situation,” said Governor Richardson. “I’ve ordered this support to maintain access and allow supplies and personnel to come and go as needed, and to ensure the continued safe operation of this facility.”

Corrections Officers and staff have been on duty and unable to change shifts since late yesterday. The air support ordered by the Governor will allow fresh staff in to replace the current staff. In addition, the minimum custody, level 2 corrections facility is currently operating on generator power because of a weather-caused power failure in the area.

State Police and Corrections Officials are working closely with the New Mexico National Guard, the Office of Emergency Management and the Governor’s Office to ensure the continued smooth operation of the facility. Normal access is expected to be restored as the water recedes during the next few days.

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