



# State of New Mexico

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## **Governor Richardson Issues Statement on DOE Energy Efficiency Lawsuit Settlement**

SANTA FE, NM – New Mexico Governor, and former Energy Secretary, Bill Richardson released the following statement today concerning the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) agreement to settle an energy efficiency lawsuit brought by the state of New Mexico and 14 other states.

“This is a victory for everyone who cares about cleaner air and energy independence. As they learned when they unsuccessfully tried to fight the efficiency standards I implemented as Energy Secretary, the Bush Administration is once again being forced by the courts to take real action on clean energy policy. This positive action is long, long overdue.”

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