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Remarks:

Per my voicemail message, attached please find a copy of the letters we've sent to Governor Richardson (his Washington office also has a copy) regarding appointments to our FECA task force.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

*Thank You
Kara*

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The Honorable Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico
State Capitol, Fourth Floor
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Dear Governor Richardson:

Joseph E. Kernan
Governor of Indiana

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices has been working with a number of states, including New Mexico, on a multi-year project—the NGA Federal Facilities Compliance Act Task Force (FFCA Task Force)—involving nuclear waste created at U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) facilities. FFCA Task Force members are appointed by the Governor of each participating state, and I am writing to ask that you designate two officials (one policy, one technical) to represent New Mexico on behalf of your administration. Please contact Kara Colton at (202) 624-7878 or via email at kcolton@nga.org with information regarding your appointments to the FFCA Task Force.

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The FFCA Task Force provides a forum for the states hosting nuclear weapons facilities to influence DOE's cleanup priorities and budget decisions. The project has facilitated many successes over the years, including the negotiation in 1995 of approximately forty-eight site treatment plans, numerous publications and documents that directly impact DOE policymaking, and complex-wide dialogues among DOE and state decision-makers that have proved instrumental in moving the cleanup effort forward. Currently, the FFCA Task Force is collaborating with Assistant Secretary Jessie Roberson on the implementation of the Department's Top-to-Bottom Review initiative. Please note that FFCA Task Force expenses, such as travel and conference calls, are covered by a grant from DOE to NGA.

John Thomasian
NGA Center for Best Practices Director

Thank you for your response, and please let us know if we can be of assistance to you or your staff.

Sincerely,

John Thomasian