

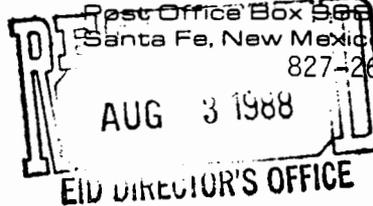


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SANTA FE, NM-- New Mexico Health and Environment Department Secretary Carla L. Muth today announced the appointments of Michael J. Burkhart as Deputy Secretary and Roy D. McKeag as Director of the department's Public Health Division.

"I am extremely pleased with these appointments," said Secretary Muth. "Both gentlemen possess proven skills and the knowledge so important to our management of the department."

Burkhart, 44, is currently director of HED's Environmental Improvement Division. He earned a bachelor of science degree from the College of Santa Fe, and a master of public health degree from the University of Minnesota. Burkhart has served in state government since 1966. He was Director of HED's Health Services Division from 1976 to 1983, and Deputy Director of the Human Services Department's Social Services Division from 1984 to 1986. He has held other supervisory positions in public health and environmental health in the state during his career.

McKeag, 46, has served as Chief of the Public Health Division's Field Operations Bureau since 1984. He holds a master of public health degree from the University of Minnesota. McKeag has served in public health since 1966, having been a district manager and bureau chief with the Environmental Improvement Division prior to assuming his current position.

"I am excited to be able to work with Mike and Roy, and I am most gratified that we filled these key positions from within our own ranks," said Secretary Muth.

