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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO PUBLISH A  
COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL NEW MEXICO CONTAMINATED BODIES OF  
WATER AND SOIL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT WEBSITE.

WHEREAS, the department of environment oversees the  
investigation and cleanup of environmental contamination in New  
Mexico, whether it originates from a spill, old industrial  
facilities, current operations, leaking underground storage  
tanks or other sources; and

WHEREAS, the ground water quality bureau of the department  
of environment investigates incidents of releases that may have  
impacted ground water or contaminated soil below backhoe shovel  
depth; and

WHEREAS, the surface water quality bureau of the  
department of environment investigates incidents of releases

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1 that impact surface water or present an immediate threat to a  
2 watercourse; and

3 WHEREAS, the drinking water bureau of the department of  
4 environment investigates incidents involving contaminants in or  
5 affecting public drinking water supply wells or systems; and

6 WHEREAS, the department of environment state cleanup  
7 program administers regulations that require the cleanup of  
8 contaminated soil and ground water to protect human health and  
9 the environment; and

10 WHEREAS, the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response,  
11 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 authorized the United  
12 States environmental protection agency to create a list of  
13 polluted locations requiring a long-term response to clean up  
14 hazardous material contaminations, known as superfund sites;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, information and statistics exist on the  
17 department of environment website for contaminated bodies of  
18 water and soil, as well as the superfund sites in New Mexico;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the information on the department of environment  
21 website is not grouped in one location and may be difficult to  
22 access;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department  
25 of environment be requested to publish a comprehensive list of

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1 all New Mexico contaminated bodies of water and soil on the  
2 department of environment website by December 1, 2018; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the secretary of environment.

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