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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO TRANSFER HAZARDOUS WASTE AUTHORITY  
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS, the oil conservation division of the energy,  
minerals and natural resources department currently regulates  
the oil and gas industry; and**

**WHEREAS, hazardous wastes that are created by the oil and  
gas industry during exploration, production and processing are  
regulated by the department of environment; and**

**WHEREAS, the oil conservation division and the department  
of environment are negotiating an interagency agreement to  
transfer responsibility for regulating oil and gas hazardous**

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2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to expedite  
4 negotiations between the energy, minerals and natural resources  
5 department and the department of environment to transfer  
6 authority for regulation of oil and gas hazardous wastes from  
7 the department of environment to the oil conservation division,  
8 to the extent such authority for a transfer is provided in law,  
9 and report on progress and effectiveness of the transfer to the  
10 appropriate legislative committee by December 1, 1998; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the governor and to the secretaries of  
13 environment and energy, minerals and natural resources.

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