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EMNRD Honored for Special Achievement in GIS

Santa Fe, NM – The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department’s Geographic Information Systems (GIS) development team was honored with a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award earlier this summer at the annual Esri User Conference in San Diego. Selected from more than 300,000 eligible candidates, EMNRD’s team received the award for its innovative application of mapping, data analytics and thought leadership in the field of GIS Infrastructure.

The SAG awards show appreciation for organizations using GIS to solve some of the world’s toughest challenges—users honored with these awards are demonstrating the most groundbreaking and transformative possibilities of GIS software.

“EMNRD’s team has expanded the reach of our already solid GIS infrastructure,” said Chief Information Officer Joe Montano. “Among many initiatives, they’ve enabled multi-user editing on business data both on-premises and while offline, collecting crucial field site data in remote parts of New Mexico.”

“Engineering and environmental staff in our Oil Conservation Division are now able to see the relationship of oil and gas wells to hydraulic and geologic features,” said Cabinet Secretary Ken McQueen. “This capability by our GIS greatly improves regulatory management.”

“Esri User Conference is a great forum for our users to come together and share the amazing ways they are implementing GIS technology,” said Jack Dangerman, Esri founder and president. “The organizations recognized here are creating maps and using spatial analytics to make a difference in the world. We are honored to present these awards.”

“We’re very proud of our GIS team,” said Secretary McQueen.



EMNRD Enterprise GIS Coordinator Natalie Runyan, left, Jack Dangermond, Esri founder and president, and Linda DeLay, EMNRD Mining and Mineral GIS Division Lead

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