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**New Mexico State Senate Reconfirms F. David Martin as
Secretary of Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department**
Secretary Martin Confirmed Unanimously (37-0) On Senate Floor

SANTA FE – The New Mexico State Senate today unanimously reconfirmed F. David Martin as Secretary of the Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department (EMNRD). Martin was initially confirmed last February after being appointed by Governor Susana Martinez in April of 2013.

“I am honored that Governor Martinez and the New Mexico Senate have confidence in my leadership,” said Secretary Martin. “New Mexico is a front runner in energy development, and this is an exciting time in the oil and gas industries. I am privileged to serve with many dedicated employees and look forward to continuing our work with the Legislature and the business community to develop and manage the precious resources of our state through oil & gas, mining, renewable energy, State Parks and State Forestry.”

Secretary F. David Martin holds a BS degree in chemical engineering from Texas Tech University and an MS degree in petroleum engineering from New Mexico Tech. Martin has more than 50 years of experience in industry and academia.

Martin began his career as a Field Engineer in a consulting firm engaged in water treatment and system design for oilfield water injection projects. As manager, he supervised mechanical and chemical treatment of water used in flooding operations. After 10 years in various field locations, he transferred to research where he served as group leader.

From 1976-1996, Martin was employed with the Petroleum Recovery Research Center (PRRC), a division of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. He served as Director of the PRRC from 1987-1996. As Director, he supervised laboratory research and field projects on oil and gas recovery, enhanced oil recovery, oilfield waste management, and technology transfer. He also served as the leader of the Oil and Gas Component of the Waste Management Education/Research Consortium (WERC) at New Mexico Tech. Martin also established the Hobbs Oil/Water Experimental Facility at New Mexico Junior College. Under his leadership, the management of petroleum industry wastes improved through the treatment and disposal of drilling muds and salt water, Martin’s other work at the facility led to the reduction of risks of ground water contamination and cleanup of contaminated aquifers.

After early retirement from New Mexico Tech, Martin supervised projects in the areas of reservoir characterization and reservoir management, Internet access to shared reservoir

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management tools, management of interdisciplinary project teams, carbon sequestration, expert advisory systems for regulatory operations in the petroleum industry and a framework for an on-line nationwide system for complying with state rules and regulations.

During his tenure as Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department, Martin worked under the direction of Governor Martinez to negotiate an accelerated schedule to remove above-ground transuranic (TRU) waste from Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory. Martin also brokered an agreement with the EPA, PNM, the Navajo Nation and the State of New Mexico to reduce carbon emissions from the San Juan Generating Station to address haze problems in the Four Corners region.

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