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**Jeri Sullivan Graham to Head Brackish Water Work Group for the Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources Department**

Santa Fe, NM –Jeri Sullivan Graham of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) has joined the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) to head up the Brackish Water Work Group and assist New Mexico with complex issues related to energy and water science. LANL is funding this collaboration through September, which is a major component of Governor Martinez' Drought Task Force.

"In the past few months, I have been in contact with U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Dr. Ernest Moniz and have requested support from the federal government to assist in New Mexico's development of water reuse," said Governor Susana Martinez. "I am excited about the potential of the collaboration between the state and federal governments. I believe this federally funded position will greatly enhance the ability to find workable and innovative alternatives for addressing water shortage issues."

"The governor should be applauded for establishing several water sub-committees aimed at optimizing the use and reuse of water in all of its forms," said Charlie McMillan, Director of Los Alamos National Laboratory. "We are pleased to be lending our expertise to New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Secretary David Martin, who is heading up the Recoverable Water Initiative under the Drought Task Force."

The Brackish Water Work Group's primary goals are to identify and gather available information on the brackish water resource in New Mexico and review existing regulations surrounding brackish water. The overarching goal of the group is to make brackish water more available and useable as a buffer against drought.

"Jeri Sullivan Graham has the technical and research expertise in water treatment, particularly treatment of brackish and produced water," said EMNRD Cabinet Secretary David Martin. "I thank Director McMillan for fostering this endeavor with Los Alamos National Laboratories—our work will undoubtedly benefit all New Mexicans."

Graham is a hydrogeologist and geochemist at LANL, working in the Chemical Diagnostics and Engineering Group, and has as a Ph.D. in Earth and Environmental Science (Hydrology) from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Graham will split time between LANL and EMNRD as part of the collaborative agreement.

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