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**Mining and Minerals Division Assists In  
Temporary Flood Repair Work in Madrid**  
*Comprehensive Plan Under Development To Address Long-Term Problems*

**Madrid, N.M.** –The Mining and Minerals Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) continues repair work near local businesses and property in Madrid caused by recent flood damage that occurred from heavy rainstorms in September. Through a collaborative effort between the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division and the EMNRD’s Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Program, the Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has been able to accelerate projects to address the recent flood damage.

“I am pleased that the Abandoned Mine Land Program was able to respond quickly to reduce the chances for further flood damage to historic and newer buildings in Madrid,” said Mining & Minerals Division Director Fernando Martinez. “Projects such as this demonstrate the Mining and Minerals Division’s commitment to protect public health and safety and property at abandoned mine sites in New Mexico.”

Rain runoff from an old coal mine waste pile led to significant damage in the historic mining town. Contractors under the direction of the Mining & Minerals Division continue to work on the east slope of town to remove the slurry of coal gob (coal and other mineral by-products from coal mining.) Workers are installing earthen berms and precast concrete Jersey barriers to serve as temporary storm water diversion measures. Crews are also resurfacing driveways and land with base course (gravel) surfacing to make roadways accessible and to carry storm water downhill.

The temporary improvements to minimize further storm damage by water run-off are federally funded by the Office of Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Enforcement (OSM) through the state’s AML Program and cost an estimated \$100,000.

A long-term, comprehensive plan is under development to address the effects of past coal mining practices on the east side of Madrid, where the adverse impacts from historic mining are greatest in the community. The AML Program proposes to stabilize hill slopes and drainages and direct storm flows away from homes and businesses.

Please see attached photos.



*Post-storm Slurry Coal “Gob” as seen following the September storms*



*Recent improvements implemented under the direction of the Mining & Minerals Division*

For more information about the Abandoned Mine Land program, visit our Mining and Minerals Division website at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/AML/amlmain.html>.

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