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## **New Mexico State Engineer Hires New Engineer**

**(ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico)** – New Mexico State Engineer John D’Antonio has hired a new engineer for the Office of the State Engineer’s Water Administration Technical Engineering Resource System (W.A.T.E.R.S.) Program at the District I Office in Albuquerque.

**Chris Gallegos** joined the agency on February 7, 2005. Gallegos received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of New Mexico in December 2003. He was hired as an engineer technician for the agency.

“Gallegos will primarily be working to sort and compare images for the W.A.T.E.R.S. department,” said State Engineer John D’Antonio. “We welcome him to our Albuquerque office.”

The purpose of the W.A.T.E.R.S. Program is to abstract and image all water rights files into a database to preserve the materials, and relate the information to digitized hydrographic survey maps as well as other data.

The Office of the State Engineer is charged with administering the state's water resources. The State Engineer has power over the supervision, measurement, appropriation, and distribution of all surface and groundwater in New Mexico, including streams and rivers that cross state boundaries. The State Engineer is also the Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission and oversees its staff.

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