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New Mexico State Engineer Hires New Civil Engineer for the Dam Safety Bureau

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – New Mexico State Engineer John D’Antonio has hired a civil engineer for the Dam Safety Bureau in the Water Resource Allocation Program.

Sushil Chaudhary joined the agency on July 2, 2005.

Chaudhary will be performing dam inspections, reviewing design of proposed dam construction and rehabilitation, and engineering analyses of dams as necessary throughout the state. Prior to joining the Office of the State Engineer he worked for the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency in Window Rock, Arizona for three years where he helped establish a design review program for the Public Water Systems Supervision Program.

“Chaudhary’s knowledge and expertise of dam inspection, design review, and repair will ensure New Mexico dams are properly operated and maintained,” said State Engineer John D’Antonio. “He will be helping the agency to meet its objectives of safe dams throughout the state.”

In 2002, Chaudhary completed his doctoral degree in civil engineering from Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan. He also received a masters in civil engineering from Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand in 1998 and a bachelors of engineering from Assam University, India in 1995.

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 Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission and oversees its staff.

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