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State Agency Wins Recognition from Quality New Mexico

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – Office of the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission will receive a 2009 **Piñon Recognition** from Quality New Mexico.

Quality New Mexico is a non-profit service organization that promotes, educates, and congratulates performance excellence for agencies, organizations, and businesses in our state.

Agencies receive the Piñon Recognition for planting the seed of performance excellence and showing evidence that they are in the beginning stages of using systematic approaches.

The agency's "Plan-Do-Check-Act" process used for performance improvement contributed to winning the award, in addition to the core competencies of visionary leadership, interdisciplinary professional expertise, collaboration and communication with stakeholders and water users, as well as use of effective project management plans to track progress and deliverables.

"I am extremely proud of the team of people we have and the work that they do here at the Office of the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission," said State Engineer John D'Antonio. "We have accomplished a great deal as an agency during the past seven years. I plan to continue our journey with Quality New Mexico and will build on this success by constantly striving to improve the way we do business, so we are better able to serve the citizens of New Mexico."

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The Office of the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission is the only New Mexico state agency, which will receive the Piñon Recognition for 2009.

The award will be presented to State Engineer John D'Antonio, Interstate Stream Commission Director Estevan López, and the team who worked on the application at a Quality New Mexico luncheon ceremony on April 22nd, in Albuquerque.

The Office of the State Engineer is charged with administering the state's water resources. The State Engineer has the responsibility to allocate, measure, administer, and oversee the 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.

The nine-member Interstate Stream Commission is charged with separate duties including protecting New Mexico's right to water under eight interstate stream compacts, ensuring the state complies with each of those compacts, as well as water planning.

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