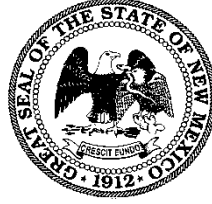


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Public Regulation Commission Leadership to Kick Off Industry Expo in Farmington on Sept. 14th

SANTA FE— New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Chair Patrick H. Lyons (District 2) and Vice Chair Theresa Becenti-Aguilar (District 4) today announced they support the New Mexico Regional Common Ground Alliance (NMRGCA) Fifth EXPO and Conference and will kick it off by delivering keynote speeches to about 300 industry leaders at the opening ceremonial breakfast on September 14.

Chairman Lyons stated, "I look forward to meeting everyone in Farmington to discuss pipeline safety issues."

The NMRGCA Conference will be held September 13-15, 2011 at McGee Park Convention Center in Farmington. The opening ceremonial breakfast starts at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14 and will include opening remarks by Chair Patrick Lyons and Vice Chair Becenti-Aguilar.

"I fully support the important public safety and damage prevention conference, and communication initiatives set forth by the Regional Common Ground Alliance for industry experts," stated Vice Chair Becenti-Aguilar. "Our own Legal Division and Pipe Line Safety Bureau will provide an in depth overview of excavation law and rule changes, including a training course to improve damage prevention in the state, all of which will help the industry."

During the three-day conference, PRC Pipeline Safety Bureau Chief Jason Montoya and PRC Legal Division Staff Counsel and General Manager Avelino Gutierrez will instruct classes in Excavation Law/Rule Changes, New Mexico Damage Tracking Tool, and New Mexico Excavation Law.

The New Mexico Regional Common Ground Alliance is dedicated to ensuring public safety, environmental protection and the integrity of services by promoting effective damage prevention practices. For information about the NMRGCA Expo and Conference go to: www.nmrgca.org.

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