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Dear Carlsbad Residents:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide updates on the Brine Well Remediation Advisory Authority's efforts. The Advisory Authority met on August 16 and all agencies were represented. We will meet again at 1 p.m. on August 30. Here are a few of the highlights from the most recent meeting:

- Don Purvis, Chairman of the Technical Committee has been in contact with a company that owned a salt cavern in another part of the country that was filled and invited them to present at our next meeting. They underwent a very similar situation to the efforts going on here and will help outline the details of their plan.
- The Authority voted to recommend that the Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department begin moving forward with what's called a Request for Information (RFI). This RFI will basically be an invitation to companies who may be interested in accepting a contract to remediate the well. The state is putting together a draft RFI (with our Authority's assistance) and we hope to review a draft at our next meeting. We have also been going over questions to include in the RFI.
- We have a pretty strong lead on possible partial funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has a hazard mitigation program that could fund a portion of the remediation. There are some issues related to ownership and bankruptcy that we hope to clarify at our next meeting.
- Jim Griswold with the OCD gave a report on the extensive monitoring set up around the brine well – continuously-operating equipment that can detect even small movement miles away. This equipment is designed to provide us with advance notification.
- Carlsbad Fire Chief Rick Lopez and Jenn Armendariz with Eddy County Emergency Management delivered a presentation regarding emergency response planning. The notification efforts will include Reverse911 calls, siren warnings and door to door notification.

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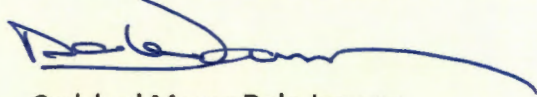
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The City of Carlsbad and Eddy County are committed to assisting the State of New Mexico with resolving this issue as safely and expeditiously as possible.



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