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Secretary Announces Appliance Rebate Program Remains Open *\$200 Rebates Still Available for Clothes Washers, Refrigerators and Gas Furnaces*

SANTA FE, NM -- New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) Secretary Jon Goldstein today announced that the New Mexico Appliance Rebate Program still has funds available for \$200 rebates to New Mexico consumers who purchase ENERGY STAR-qualified clothes washers, refrigerators or gas furnaces.

“There is still time for more New Mexicans to take advantage of this opportunity and get a great deal on an energy efficient appliance that will save them money over the lifetime of the machine,” said Secretary Goldstein. “As of today, almost 4,000 appliance rebate applications have been approved and checks are on their way.”

Over 8,000 applications have been downloaded from the rebate program website, but only 5,000 have been submitted. If you purchased an appliance, we encourage you to mail your rebate in as quickly as possible. Approximately 2,500 total rebates are still available for clothes washers and refrigerators and nearly 600 rebates for gas furnaces.

The estimated lifetime savings in New Mexico from the appliance rebate program are about 7.1 million kilowatt-hours of energy, over 226 million gallons of water and nearly 14.2 million pounds of carbon dioxide.

The New Mexico Appliance Rebate Program is part of a nationwide energy-saving effort launched by the U.S. Department of Energy and funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Visit the New Mexico Appliance Rebate Program’s website at <http://nmarp.efi.org/> to download an application or call 877-883-1754 for assistance.

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