State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-050

ESTABLISHING THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR, GENERAL ANNETTE SOBEL, AS A DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution provides "The supreme executive power of the state shall be vested in the governor, who shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed"; and

WHEREAS, there exists a recognized and immediate threat of terrorist acts which may be committed against the State, its infrastructure and its citizens, which could include biological, chemical, nuclear or conventional threats or attacks; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety, through its Office of Emergency Management, has functions and responsibilities which directly relate to the State of New Mexico's emergency preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery, including those threats related to homeland security; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 2003-007, I have created the Office of Homeland Security Advisor, and on July 10, 2003, have vested that authority in General Annette Sobel; and

WHEREAS, further coordination and integration is needed to more efficiently manage resources and provide accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico do hereby order as follows:

I. General Annette Sobel is hereby named as a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Public Safety with responsibilities relating to emergency preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery;

II. General Annette Sobel will remain the Homeland Security Advisor and retain full authority pursuant to Executive Order 2003-007 including advising the Governor and executive branch agencies on issues of potential or actual acts of terrorism, chairing the Homeland Security Advisory Committee, recommending improvements to the State's disaster and terrorism response plans and acting as liaison to the federal Department of Homeland Security;

III. The Office of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety will report through General Sobel to the Secretary of Public Safety and then, ultimately, to the Office of the Governor;

IV. General Sobel's authority, duties and responsibilities as Homeland Security Advisor will remain in full force and effect and that office will not be under the direct supervision of the Department of Public Safety;

V. All assets, personnel, duties and responsibilities currently maintained in the New Mexico Department of Public Safety shall remain under the direct supervision and authority of the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR