

INTER-MOUNTAIN URANIUM SUMMIT 2
State Agencies Fact Sheet
New Mexico Example

- ❖ Important reminder: laws vary from state to state

- ❖ State mining laws
 - Typically regulate reclamation, financial assurance, and aspects of operations

- ❖ State underground injection control programs
 - Allows states to regulate injection of pollution into groundwater
 - Subject to minimum federal standards

- ❖ State water protection laws
 - Regulate discharge of pollutants into surface waters, eg. streams and rivers
 - Subject to minimum federal standards

- ❖ State air quality laws
 - Allows states to regulate air pollutants, including, in some cases, radionuclides
 - Subject to minimum federal standards

- ❖ Agreement state status
 - Approved by NRC
 - Allows states to regulate ISL mines and uranium mills

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Information on Sample State Agencies'
Reactions to the Recent Uranium Boom

COLORADO

Changed laws related to in situ leach uranium mining
Made them more stringent

SOUTH DAKOTA

Changed laws related to in situ leach uranium mining
Made them less stringent

WYOMING

Largest producer of uranium in the U.S. (ISL mining)
Currently considering Agreement State status

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