



State of New Mexico  
*Office of the Governor*

Bill Richardson  
*Governor*

October 20, 2008

Mr. Darren Benjamin  
Acting ANSTF Executive Secretary  
Division of Fish and Wildlife Management and Habitat Restoration  
4401 Fairfax Drive  
Arlington, VA 22203-1622

Dear Mr. Benjamin:

The New Mexico Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force has developed the enclosed comprehensive management plan to address issues of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in New Mexico.

I support the New Mexico Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan to ensure New Mexico's water supply for future economic vitality while protecting the environment and preserving the State's economy and diverse customs and cultures.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this state-approved plan for final approval by the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. Please send notification of approval to my office and to Mr. Brian Lang, New Mexico Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Richardson".

Bill Richardson  
Governor of New Mexico

BR/mv