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SUBJECT: INF – FY-2009 EARTH TEAM VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENT

To: All Employees

Purpose. To inform employees of FY-2009 Earth Team Award recipient.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2010.

I am pleased to announce that Rhonda Norris is the New Mexico Earth Team Volunteer of the Year Award recipient for FY-2009. As a former school teacher in the Lovington area, Rhonda volunteered numerous hours assisting the Lea SWCD in promoting conservation education to elementary students in the Lovington, Jal, and Tatum communities. She coordinated and carried-out the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) and the Conservation Coloring Contest projects, introducing 400+ 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to the importance of our natural resources and the need for conservation.

I personally appreciate the efforts of each Earth Team volunteer, for I firmly believe that this program is a vital part of our organization. It is through the dedication of individuals like Rhonda that that we have achieved so much this past year.

It is exciting to see this kind of commitment to the Earth Team program, and we congratulate Rhonda Norris on receiving the New Mexico Earth Team Volunteer Award for FY 2009.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis L. Alexander".

DENNIS L. ALEXANDER  
State Conservationist