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County Attorney to Address Members of Presidential Advisory Committee on Environmental Issues

On Wednesday September 24, 2008, El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodríguez will deliver welcoming remarks and briefly address some of the county's most important environmental issues during a meeting of the U.S. Good Neighbor Environmental Board in El Paso.

The **Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB)** is an independent federal advisory committee that meets three times a year. Its mission is to advise the President and Congress of the United States on good neighbor practices along the U.S. border with Mexico. Recommendations are focused on environmental infrastructure needs within the U.S. states contiguous to Mexico. The GNEB does not carry-out any specific border program. Rather its role is to step back as an expert and a concerned observer, to analyze the big picture when it comes to the problems the border faces, as well as opportunities at hand.

The GNEB members are a mosaic of non-governmental organizations, state, local, and tribal representatives across the border states, and it has an EPA Designated Federal Officer from Washington, D.C.; it also includes representatives from other federal agencies (other than EPA) such as Dept of Agriculture, Dept. of the Interior, Dept. of Commerce, Department of State, Dept. of Health, Dept of Transportation, Dept. of Human Services, Customs and Border Protection, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, and the International Boundary and Water Commission.

The GNEB board will meet in El Paso on Wednesday September 24, 2008 at the Camino Real Hotel from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Some of the issues to be discussed include the Asarco smelter and the water supply to the area.

WHO: El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodríguez

WHAT: Meeting of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board

WHEN: Wednesday September 24, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Camino Real Hotel

101 S. El Paso St.

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