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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 2001 - Redesignating Alamogordo Dam and Reservoir, New Mexico, which changes the name of the Alamogordo Dam and Reservoir, New Mexico, to Sumner Dam and Lake Sumner. The Alamogordo Dam and Reservoir, built by the Bureau of Reclamation, stores water to be used for irrigation in the area of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The name was derived from Alamogordo Creek, a major tributary to the Reservoir.

Many travelers desiring to visit the project assume that it is located near the city of Alamogordo, which is in fact some 211 road miles southwest. Changing the name should serve to eliminate the confusion with respect to its location. The proposed names are derived from its proximity to Fort Sumner, which is located on the Pecos River, approximately 21 miles downstream from the project.

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