



## Fire Department

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Mr. Chavez,

I am writing in support for funding the steam leak remediation project. NMSU Fire Department responds to these leaks and at the beginning they were somewhat benign, but as time goes on they are becoming destructive to our systems. In the areas that have steam leaks, such as basements in Corbett Center, Pan Am, and Skeen Hall, heat and smoke detectors have been impaired and fire alarm system components have become suspect do to humidity saturation. Also, NMSU had a major steam leak at the Center of the Arts that damaged the fire alarm panel and the computerized fire pump control unit.

NMSU FD sees the frequency and intensity of these calls increasing and we feel this is counterproductive to the safety of ours and Facility and Services' workers. It is our opinion that remediation of this issue needs to happen in order to insure our utilities and our fire alarm systems, but most important, those that have to work in those areas.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D.C. Davis' followed by a stylized signature.

Deputy Fire Chief Louis K. Huber