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Mr. Paul Rowland, Executive Director  
Association for the Advancement in Sustainability in Higher Education  
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Dear Mr. Rowland:

In the last year since we completed our first STARS report, efforts in sustainability have grown substantially at NMSU. The STARS report allowed us to see where we are meeting our environmental goals and where we need to further them. This report documents our improvement by achieving a Silver rating, improving upon a Bronze rating from a year ago.

Our curriculum and research reporting (ER-5 – ER-19) now reflects the full array of classes, research, and programs that NMSU offers. The score in the Planning, Administration, and Engagement section demonstrates the emphasis that NMSU places on diversity and outreach.

The Office of Sustainability will be moving in spring 2013 to the new Environmental Education Center which further shows our commitment to sustainability at NMSU.

Please note the four Innovation credits. We feel that this illustrates our belief that the environment and curriculum and research sections cannot be separated. It was difficult to cull our many innovation projects down to four.

I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of the AASHE STARS submission for New Mexico State University. The efforts required to complete this report have helped to create a new focus for our sustainability initiatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Manuel T. Pacheco'.

Manuel T. Pacheco  
Interim President