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DR. JANE DELGADO AND DR. JOHN HIATT NAMED BY SENATE MAJORITY LEADER TO NATIONAL URBAN AIR TOXICS RESEARCH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Today, Senate Majority Leader Reid officially appointed Dr. Jane L. Delgado of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health and chemist Dr. John Hiatt of Nevada to the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center (the NUATRC or the Leland Center). The NUATRC is a national center authorized by Congress to investigate and assess the risks to public health that may be attributed to air toxics. Projects sponsored by the Leland Center are designed to provide sound scientific data for those charged with formulating environmental regulations. The Leland Center has a proven track record of producing high quality research conducted by leading national experts.

The Leland Center is named for the late United States Congressman George Thomas “Mickey” Leland from Texas who sponsored and supported legislation to reduce the problems of pollution, hunger, and poor housing that unduly affect residents of low-income urban communities. “I believe there are tremendous synergies between the quality research produced by the NUATRC and the pressing need to address environmental health issues in urban areas, particularly in the Hispanic community,” remarked Delgado. Dr. Delgado has served as President and CEO of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health since 1985. She has served on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Air Act Advisory Committee and founded the Health and Environment Action Network (HEAN). Her leadership in environmental health was recognized earlier this month when she was named one of five 2008 Health Heroes by *WebMD Magazine*. She earned a doctorate degree in clinical psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, an M.A. in psychology from New York

University, and an M.S. in Urban and Policy Sciences from Stony Brook's W. Averell Harriman School of Management and Policy.

John Hiatt, Ph.D. from Yale, is a career chemist recently retired from Quest Diagnostics. He also serves as the Chair of the Citizen's Groundwater Advisory Committee in Southern Nevada as well as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition. "It appears that the NUATRC has a demonstrated ability to apply scientific analysis to help guide serious public health decisions. I look forward to applying my chemical expertise to further this worthy cause," remarked Hiatt.

For more information about the NUATRC, go to
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