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RGBI team award presented at NMSU ceremony

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Rio Grande Basin Initiative (RGBI) participants received the Team Award from New Mexico State University (NMSU) on April 21, 2005, during the NMSU Live, Learn and Thrive awards convocation.

New Mexico efforts are led by Craig Runyan, coordinator for NMSU project efforts, and assisted by Leeann DeMouche. Runyan, DeMouche and 40 other members of the RGBI received this award for demonstrating the power of team action in achieving significant water savings in agricultural irrigation and in addressing community water needs. Other partners who also received this award were B. L. Harris, Sterling Grogan, Gary Esslinger, and Subas Shah.

The RGBI is a joint project involving NMSU and The Texas A&M University System agencies, Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. It is a federally funded effort through the Cooperative Research, Education and Extension Services. The project partners with a number of other state and federal agencies, including Elephant Butte Irrigation District and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District in New Mexico.

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(From left to right) Leeann DeMouche, Bill Harris, Craig Runyan, and Gary Esslinger were all present to receive the RGBI Team Award for their collaborative efforts in water conservation and efficiency.