

**United States Bankruptcy Court
District of New Mexico**

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Notice to Practitioners #2003-04

**BE PREPARED – EFFECT ON COURT
OPERATIONS IF THREAT LEVEL RED IS IMPLEMENTED**

The chance that threat level red will be implemented by the Office of Homeland Security appears to be increasing. Should that threat level be declared, the United States Marshal (the agency charged with responsibility for security for the federal judiciary) and the Court will initiate increased security measures beyond those currently in effect:

- (1) Increased scrutiny and control of access of all non-federal government employees entering the federal court building.
- (2) **In addition, the Court's outside drop box would be closed and/or removed.**
- (3) Perimeter barricades will be erected on the streets surrounding the courthouse and other federal buildings.

These restrictions may provide further inspiration for practitioners to utilize the Court's electronic filing system, ACE 2. If you need information on ACE 2, please see the resources available on the Court's website at www.nmcourt.fed.us or contact Administrative Analyst Sharon A. Kologie via telephone at 505-348-2443 or via e-mail at sharon_kologie@nmcourt.fed.us.

We recognize the inconvenience of these restrictions and regret their effect on access to the Court, but prudence requires compliance with procedures established for our collective safety.

NORMAN H. MEYER, JR., Clerk of Court