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Environment Department Reaches Settlement with Southway Construction on Air Quality Violations

Santa Fe, NM -- The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reached a settlement with Southway Construction Company for 17 alleged air quality violations. Southway has agreed to pay \$121,000 in fines over a 15-month pay schedule as a result of the settlement between the Alamosa, CO-based company and the Environment Department.

“We take these violations seriously,” Environment Secretary David Martin said. “Most of these violations are a result of inadequate record-keeping. We are willing to work with businesses to ensure a healthy balance of responsible development and preserving our precious environment. But, companies must hold up their end of the deal and be able to document their environmental records.”

Between June of 2008 and June of 2009, the Environment Department alleged that Southway committed 17 violations, which included: Failure to have copies of permits; registration forms, and approval letters; Failure to maintain records on control equipment; Failure to record production figures and water applications; and, Failure to control fugitive dust from haul roads. The violations were discovered during a series of visits to two Southway facilities: Crusher Number 4 in Moriarty, New Mexico and Crusher Number 6 in Clayton, New Mexico.

As part of a settlement agreement between Southway and the New Mexico Environment Department, Southway may continue operations at the two sites provided all corrective measures are followed.

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