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**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2013 IN GRANTS CONCERNING RENEWAL AND
MODIFICATION OF DISCHARGE PERMIT DP-200 (HOMESTAKE MINING
COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA)**

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) will hold an informational meeting to discuss the proposed renewal and modification of Discharge Permit DP-200 for the Homestake Mining Company uranium millsite, which is located north of Milan, NM. The owner of the facility, Homestake Mining Company of California, proposes to increase the treatment rate of contaminated ground water which was impacted by previous operation of the uranium mill. Potential contaminants in impacted ground water include nitrate, selenium, molybdenum, uranium, radium²²⁶⁺²²⁸, chloride, sulfate, and total dissolved solids. The facility is located on State Highway 603 in Sections 23, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, and 35, T12N, R10W; and Section 3, T11N, R10W, in Cibola County.

WHERE: Cibola County Courthouse, 515 West High Street, Grants, NM 87020

WHEN: At 7:00-9:00 PM, Wednesday December 11, 2013

WHY: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the requirements and regulatory framework of the proposed Discharge Permit, the public hearing process and to understand public concerns related to the permit.

WHO: NMED staff will be at the meeting to answer questions from the public.

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