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Environment Department Settles Air Pollution Enforcement Actions with Central New Mexico Companies

Santa Fe, NM -- The New Mexico Environment Department has recently entered into settlement agreements with two New Mexico companies for a combined total \$199,202.

In April, the Department settled for \$103,200 with Western Refining to resolve alleged violations at the company's facility in Gallup. The alleged violations include the failure to conduct quarterly leak detection and repair for volatile organic compounds on certain components and for failure to visually inspect a waste water storage vessel every 12 months. Western Refining notified the Department of the potential violations in 2012 and 2013.

The Department also recently entered into a settlement agreement for \$96,002 with Clariant Corporation to resolve alleged violations at the company's facility in Belen. This facility was formerly owned by Sud-Chemie and manufactures medical specialty and healthcare packaging products. The alleged violations involve the failure to conduct stack tests in the time required by the permit and exceeding particulate emission limits.

Western Refining and Clariant Corporation have both implemented corrective action to address alleged violations and prevent their reoccurrence.

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