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**Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry To Participate in Important Rocky Mountain Low-Level Waste Compact Decision in Colorado**

(Santa Fe, NM) — New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary Ron Curry, a member of the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Waste Board which oversees the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Waste Compact, will be considering at the Board's upcoming meeting the State of Colorado's application to amend the designation of the Clean Harbors Deer Trail Facility, located about 60 miles east of Denver.

"It is critical that the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Waste Board preserve the integrity and authority of the Compact," Secretary Curry said. "The compact is unique and important because it controls interstate low-level waste streams and it is the only instrument states have to prohibit interstate transport of low-level waste. For the benefit of all the Compact's member states, especially New Mexico, it is crucial this decision maintain the Compact's integrity and original intent."

The Rocky Mountain Low-Level Waste Board will hold its regular meeting **May 9 at the Denver Airport Marriot at Gateway Park, 16455 E. 40<sup>th</sup> Circle, Aurora, Colorado, beginning at 10 a.m.**

The State of Colorado is seeking to amend the regional facility designation of the Clean Harbors Deer Trail Facility, an existing facility that is currently designated and licensed to receive hazardous waste and radium processing waste. Colorado is seeking to amend the facility's designation to enable it to receive, store, process and dispose of naturally occurring radioactive waste (NORM) and technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TENORM) up to specified activity levels.

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Rocky Mountain Low-Level Waste Board Meeting

Leonard Slosky, Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Board said, “The pending application presents an important decision for the Board. If approved, the designation of the Clean Harbors facility would provide the region’s generators with an in-region disposal facility for NORM and TENORM waste.”

The Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Board is an interstate government agency that administers the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact. The Compact was created by legislation passed by the member states: Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico. The Compact is an independent regulatory organization that is not an agency of any of its member states to provide for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste (LLW) produced within the member states and to regulate the interstate commerce aspects of LLW. New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson appointed Secretary Curry to the Board.

More information on the Board and the Compact, as well as documents relating to the proposed amendment and the Board’s May 9 agenda, are available online at <http://www.rmlwb.us>.

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