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## **Environment Department, EPA and Santa Clara Pueblo to Hold Public Meetings on Espanola Superfund Site**

(Santa Fe, NM) — Representatives from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Santa Clara Pueblo will conduct two meetings on Wednesday, June 29 to update the local community on remedial activity plans at the North Railroad Avenue Site in Espanola, New Mexico. Later this summer, work will begin to clean up polluted groundwater at this site. The same information will be presented at both meetings.

The **Wednesday, June 29, 2005** meetings will be held as follows:

**4:00 – 5:30 PM**  
**Santa Clara Pueblo Admin. Building**  
**Council Chambers**  
**1 Kee Street**  
**Santa Clara Pueblo, NM 87532**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Mision y Covento Museum**  
**Plaza de Espanola**  
**610 Bond Street**  
**Espanola, NM 87532**

The NMED has received funding from the EPA to begin construction of a remediation system to clean up the North Railroad Avenue Plume Superfund site in Española. This work should begin in July.

The North Railroad Avenue Plume site consists of contaminated groundwater in the vicinity of the Norge Town Dry Cleaner and Laundromat facility. The contaminants, tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE) are dry cleaning solvents. The contamination plume extends approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from North Railroad Avenue to the Rio Grande and is about 800 feet wide. Parts of the plume extend to 260 feet below ground surface. The North Railroad Avenue Plume site has been on the federal Superfund list since January 1999.

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