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**Environment Department to Hold Hearing on Helena Chemical Co.
Proposed Air Quality Permit**

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is planning to hold a hearing on its proposed air quality permit for the Helena Chemical Co.

The hearing is scheduled to take place Oct. 24, beginning at 9 a.m., through Oct. 26, if the extra days are necessary. The hearing will take place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall in Mesquite (125 West Mesquite, Mesquite, NM).

Technical testimony will be provided by NMED, Helena Chemical Co., and Mesquite Citizen Action Committee.

The public can provide comment on the proposed air quality permit on Oct. 24, at 9 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. All comments will be recorded and entered into the public record. A Spanish translator will be available.

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