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**Environment Department Seeks Comments on Post-Closure Care
Permit for Navajo Refinery**

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is seeking public comment on a draft Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) post-closure care permit for Navajo Refining Company's Artesia Refinery.

The proposed permit is for post-closure care of three regulated units at the refinery. It requires corrective action at one of the regulated units and at solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs) within the facility and off-site from the refinery property.

The draft permit is available for review at the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau offices located at 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1 in Santa Fe and at the Artesia Public Library located at 306 West Richardson Avenue in Artesia. The draft permit is also available on the NMED website at www.nmenv.state.nm.us/HWB/permits.html. Comments and requests for Public Hearing will be received through 5:00 p.m., March 31, 2003.

For additional information regarding this draft permit contact Dave Cobrain, NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau at 505-428-2500 or Jon Goldstein, Communications Director, NMED at (505) 827-0314.

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