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**Environment Department Moving Albuquerque Office; New Building Under Construction at Old City Landfill**

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Albuquerque office will move from its current location at 4131 Montgomery Boulevard, NE to an interim space at the Bank of the West Building, 5301 Central Avenue, NE on October 25. Phones will be forwarded to this new location but walk-up customers should be advised of the new address.

NMED will occupy this interim space until its new office building, currently under construction, is completed. The Department’s newest office will then be located at 5400 San Antonio Drive, NE, just east of I-25 at the site of the former City of Albuquerque San Antonio Landfill. This landfill was used by the City and private residents between 1968 and 1970. It contains mainly residential and construction demolition wastes.

“NMED is a strong supporter of the reuse of brownfields properties,” said NMED Secretary Ron Curry. “Locating our largest field office at the site of a reclaimed landfill shows we are willing to do our part and put a marginalized site back into productive use.”

The City of Albuquerque worked with NMED’s Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) before the site became available for development. This brownfields program promotes the return of former industrial sites to active use. At the San Antonio Landfill, the VRP was able to provide no-cost site assessment services to the City of Albuquerque to speed redevelopment of the site.

“By choosing this location the Department hopes to demonstrate that these types of properties can be safely developed and should not be stigmatized,” Secretary Curry added.

NMED’s Albuquerque office houses the District I Field Operations staff as well as representatives of the Department’s Drinking Water, Petroleum Storage Tanks, Ground Water Quality, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste and Radiation Control Bureaus.

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