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**Environment Department to Work with Clovis Businesses on Pollution
Prevention to Improve their Bottom Line**

(Santa Fe, NM) – New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary Ron Curry will partner with El Desayuno Kiwanis Club of Clovis President Dan Stoddard to host a Pollution Prevention presentation for small businesses.

The presentation will be held over breakfast at the **Restaurant at Fox Run, 2225 W. Llano Estacado Blvd., in Clovis, beginning at 6:45 a.m. on Thursday, December 8.**

The presentation will showcase NMED's Pollution Prevention (P2) Program and explain how businesses can improve their budget and the environment by reducing waste and implementing a pollution prevention program. The event is open to the public.

“Any type of waste is a drag on profits,” Secretary Curry said. “I hope that businesses will be able to join us for this presentation to learn how to protect the environment and improve their bottom line.”

Three organizations from the Clovis area were recognized this year for pollution prevention, including for the first time two dairies – Wild West and Do-Rene dairies. Cannon Air Force Base was recognized for achieving the level of Excellence in its environmental programs, having reduced its hazardous waste by 80 percent, its solvent waste by 96 percent and diverting more than 7,000 tons of reusable materials from its landfill.

NMED is committed to assisting small businesses through its P2 Program, designed to serve New Mexico businesses, local governments and state agencies to help in the reduction and elimination of pollution and waste at the source. The P2 Program also offers workshops and free site assessments. For more information on the program visit http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/P2_Web.

Businesses with questions regarding NMED's Pollution Prevention Program may contact Michelle Vattano at (505) 827-0677 or michelle.vattano@state.nm.us. For press inquiries, contact Adam Rankin, NMED Communications Director at (505) 827-0314.

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