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Environment Department To Hold Public Hearing Dec. 14 in Ramah in Gallup Area to Discuss Air Quality Permit for C and E Concrete

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department Air Quality Bureau will hold a public hearing concerning the air quality permit application for C and E Concrete, Inc. located 20 miles east of Ramah in McKinley County in northwestern New Mexico. The permit modification calls for changes to the existing permit for the 600 ton per hour portable rock crusher plant including a riprap plant that screens aggregate and a wash plant. The permit also calls for adding two engines to the facility and a reduction in the allowable annual hours of operation.

WHO: The hearing will be hosted by the NMED's Air Quality Bureau. Staff members from the bureau's Permitting, Compliance and Enforcement, and Modeling Sections will attend.

WHERE: Ramah Elementary School, 17 Evans Drive, Ramah, New Mexico, McKinley County

WHEN: 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14

OTHER: The New Mexico Environment Department will accept written public comments regarding the proposed facility on or before Dec. 14. Written, non-technical public comments may be sent in advance to Elizabeth Bisbey-Kuehn, NMED Air Quality Bureau, 2048 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, NM 87505. People may also present verbal comments at the hearing to NMED's hearing officer. Those who want to present technical oral testimony at the hearing must file an Entry of Appearance and a Statement of Intent to Present Technical Testimony with the Hearing Clerk on or before Nov. 30, 2006. Persons who file a Statement of Intent to Present Technical Testimony will be considered parties to the proceeding.

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