



**BILL RICHARDSON**  
GOVERNOR

**State of New Mexico**  
**ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**Office of the Secretary**  
**Harold Runnels Building**  
**1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O. Box 26110**  
**Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-6110**  
**Telephone (505) 827-2855**



**RON CURRY**  
SECRETARY

**DERRITH WATCHMAN-MOORE**  
DEPUTY SECRETARY

December 15, 2006  
For Immediate Release

Contact: Marissa Stone, NMED Communications Director  
Telephone: (505) 827-0314 or (505) 231-0475

## **Environment Department To Hold Public Hearing Jan. 11 In Clovis To Review Air Quality Permit For Clovis Ethanol Plant**

**WHAT:** The New Mexico Environment Department will hold a public hearing on the air quality permit for the proposed Clovis Ethanol Plant in Clovis. ConAgra Trade Group, Inc., which would own and operate the facility, proposes to build a 110 million gallon per year ethanol plant at 1327 U.S. 60-84 in Clovis, N.M. in Curry County. The proposed plant will be co-located with the Peavey Company West grain handling facility.

**WHEN:** Jan. 11, 2007. Testimony will begin at 10 a.m. The Hearing Officer will accept non-technical public comments at 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and periodically throughout the hearing until all comments are heard.

**WHERE:** Clovis Civic Center, 801 Schepps Boulevard, Clovis, N.M.

**OTHER:** The Hearing Officer typically issues her report, which offers a recommendation on whether the permit should be granted, two and a half months after the hearing. NMED will make this report available to interested members of the public. After reviewing all public comments, NMED Secretary Ron Curry will decide whether the permit should be granted.

NMED will accept non-technical written public comments regarding the proposed facility on or before Jan.11. Written public comments can be sent to Air Quality Bureau, Attention: Mr. Sam Speaker, 2048 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, or in person with the Hearing Officer at the hearing.

For more information, call Marissa Stone at (505) 827-0314 or (505) 231-0475.

#30#