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Environment Department To Hold Public Hearing Jan. 17 In Taos Concerning Groundwater Discharge Permit For Proposed Mobile Home Park

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department will hold a public hearing to accept limited additional evidence pertaining to the approval of the groundwater Discharge Permit application (DP-1498) for the Alta Vista Subdivision. Sara Edelman, who submitted an application to NMED for the permit, proposes to discharge up to 3,750 gallons a day of domestic wastewater into two septic tank/leachfield systems at a proposed mobile home park. The site is on Santistevan Road about 2.5 miles west of U.S. 64 at the N.M. 522 Junction northwest of El Prado in Taos County.

WHEN: At 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007

WHERE: At the Taos Convention Center, El Taoseño Room, 120 Civic Plaza Drive, Taos

WHY: NMED held a public hearing for this permit Aug. 23, 2006. The purpose of this hearing is to reopen the administrative record to accept limited additional evidence on the discharge permit application and proposed discharge permit.

OTHER: Those who wish to comment should contact the Hearing Clerk, Sally Worthington, at (505) 827-2002 for more information on the scope of the additional testimony. Anyone can review the administrative record for the permit from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at NMED's Ground Water Quality Bureau, Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe (505-827-2900).

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