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## **South Valley Commercial Waste Hauler Cleans Up Illegal Dump after Investigation and Enforcement by Environment Department**

(Santa Fe, NM) – A South Valley commercial waste hauler cited for having an illegal dump and violating the state solid waste act completed a cleanup of the dump after an investigation and enforcement by the New Mexico Environment Department.

Guzman Construction Solutions, LLC, removed illegally disposed construction garbage at its property at 6020 Industry Way in Albuquerque. The company removed debris from an area approximately 172 feet long, 110 feet wide and 30 feet deep.

“The disposal of construction garbage at this unpermitted site concerned me because of health risks to the public and other threats to soil, groundwater and the environment,” said NMED Secretary Ron Curry. “The South Valley is already disproportionately affected by negative impacts from other industrial facilities in the area. Illegal dumping is a menace to the environment and to the quality of life of residents regardless of where the dumping occurs.”

New Mexico Environment Secretary Ron Curry issued a Stipulated Final Order to the company Feb. 7 that documented alleged violations of the state Solid Waste Act and state Solid Waste Management Regulations. Guzman agreed to take corrective action for the alleged violations, including the operation of an unpermitted landfill, by excavating and properly disposing of several thousand cubic yards of construction debris and by paying a civil penalty.

The company will pay a reduced penalty of \$58,900 to the department because the company removed the construction debris on time.

The order allowed the company to pay the reduced penalty if Guzman excavated the debris from the site by June 7. NMED inspected the site June 11 and determined the company removed the construction debris and disposed of the garbage at a permitted landfill. NMED’s Solid Waste Bureau began its investigation after receiving information from the Bernalillo County Office of Environmental Health of the stockpiling and burying of solid waste at the Guzman property.

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