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Environment Department Secretary Approves Emergency Refuse Disposal Plan for Tornado Affected Village of Logan

Plan Will Save Village \$150,000

(Santa Fe, NM) — New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry approved an emergency disposal plan for the Village of Logan in northeast New Mexico that will allow the village to discard debris created by recent tornados. Logan is northeast of Tucumcari in Quay County.

The plan allows the village to construct an emergency disposal cell on 14 acres adjacent to Logan Landfill, where 30,000 loose yards of debris can be deposited. The cell, which will only be used to deposit the tornado waste, will be open for nine months.

“This plan will give the village immediate relief for disposal problems created by the glut of debris from the tornado,” said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. “The cell will help the village save money on transportation costs for garbage hauling that would be necessary if the plan were not in place.”

NMED’s Solid Waste Bureau and Secretary Curry acted with great speed on this request, said Larry Wallin, Village of Logan Administrator. “We had a 24 hour turnaround time from the time of request and are digging the pit as we speak — this will save the village and its residents between \$150,000 and \$200,000.”

The Environment Department’s Solid Waste Bureau determined the landfill, which is southeast of the village, did not have enough usable land for the disposal of debris from the storm. The closest landfills that will accept Logan’s debris are in Wagon Mound and Clovis, which are long distances away.

The tornado destroyed 32 homes and damaged 30 homes in the Village of Logan, which had a population of about 1,094 in 2000.

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