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## **LES Waste Program to be Reviewed at Santa Fe Meeting on Wednesday**

**WHAT:** The Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Board will hold a regular meeting to review several items on its agenda including a presentation by Louisiana Energy Services (LES) on the waste disposal program of its proposed uranium enrichment facility in Lea County, the consideration of an emergency rule to allow the disposal of residuals from drinking water systems, wastewater systems and electric utilities at state approved sites, and the consideration of the State of Colorado's request to amend the regional facility designation of the Clean Harbors Deer Trail Facility to include technologically-enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TENORM) and naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM). The proposed regional facility designation amendment would allow Clean Harbors to dispose of TENORM and NORM but would not require the disposal of residuals from drinking water systems, wastewater systems or electric utilities at Clean Harbors.

**WHO:** Members of the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Board. The Board includes one member appointed by the governor of each member state. The Colorado member is Gary Baughman, the Nevada member is Leo Drozdoff, and the New Mexico member is New Mexico Environment Secretary Ron Curry. Curry serves as Chairman of the Board. The Executive Director, who is employed by the board, is Leonard C. Slosky.

**WHERE:** Eldorado Hotel, 309 W. San Francisco Street, Santa Fe

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13

**OTHER:** The Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Board (Board) is an interstate government agency that administers the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact (Compact). The Compact was created by legislation passed by the member states: Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico. The Compact is an independent regulatory organization that is not an agency of any of its member states. The Compact received Congressional approval via the Omnibus Low-Level Radioactive Waste Interstate Compact Consent Act, P.L. 99-240. Thus, the Compact is authorized by both federal and state law. The main purposes of the Compact are to provide for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste (LLW) produced within member states and to regulate the interstate commerce aspects of that waste.

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