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Environment Department Partners with Office of the State Engineer and Construction Industries Division to Promote Water Reuse

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE), the New Mexico Construction Industries Division, representatives from the building industry and local governmental organizations have recently completed a collaborative effort to promote the safe reuse of New Mexico’s limited water resources. The fruit of this effort is a new brochure entitled, “Water Reuse in New Developments.”

“Stretching our limited water resources further, including using safe, smart reuse methods, is essential to New Mexico’s water future,” said NMED Secretary Ron Curry. “NMED and the State Engineer working together on this project also highlights the state’s Q2 effort, addressing water quality and quantity together to protect the resource for future generations.”

This brochure is intended to educate builders, developers and local governments about the benefits of using alternative water resources as well as the regulations that govern their use. The brochure highlights four alternative water sources including harvested rainwater, gray water, black water, and reclaimed wastewater.

Using alternative water resources benefits home and business owners by conserving potable water for drinking water needs and reducing the cost of purchasing potable water. In addition to describing the benefits of using alternative water sources, the brochure also identifies the agencies that regulate the use of alternative water sources and the associated requirements.

The brochure is available on-line at:

<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/gwb/Documents/WaterReuseBrochure.pdf>

For further information or copies of the brochure contact Erin Murphy, Ground Water Quality Bureau, at (505) 476-2170, or Jon Goldstein, Communications Director, NMED at (505) 827-0314.

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