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## **Environment Department and Mayors of El Paso, Sunland Park and Juarez to Hold Press Conference Tomorrow in El Paso Concerning Asarco Copper Smelter**

**WHO:** New Mexico Environment Department Deputy Secretary Cindy Padilla, Sunland Park Mayor Jesus Ruben Segura, El Paso Mayor John Cook and Juarez, Mexico Mayor Mayor Hector Murguia will meet to discuss environmental concerns related to the Asarco El Paso Copper Smelter. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will soon decide whether to renew the permit for the facility, which is less than a mile from New Mexico's border.

**WHEN:** At 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2

**WHERE:** In the El Paso Mayor's Board Room, 2 Civic Center, El Paso, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

**WHY:** Deputy Secretary Padilla will voice New Mexico's opposition to the renewal of the permit because of negative environmental impacts to New Mexico from the facility.

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