



Bill Richardson
Governor

**NEW MEXICO
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

Office of the Secretary

Harold Runnels Building
1190 Saint Francis Drive (87505)
PO Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502
Phone (505) 827-2855 Fax (505) 827-2836
www.nmenv.state.nm.us



Ron Curry
Secretary
Jon Goldstein
Deputy Secretary

July 4, 2008
For Immediate Release

Contact: Marissa Stone, NMED Communications Director
(505) 827-0314 or (505) 231-0475

NMED and NMCF Convene Community Listening Sessions for Los Alamos National Laboratory Issues

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department and the New Mexico Community Foundation are hosting a series of "Listening Sessions" to better understand issues and perceptions residents of northern New Mexico have regarding Los Alamos National Laboratory. The intent of the Sessions is to provide a forum for the public to express those perceptions and for the Department and the Foundation to listen. The conveners expect the conversation to touch on economic, social, political, cultural, environmental, and other issues that surround the lab. Better understanding of the issues and priorities important to northern New Mexicans and their communities will allow the department to incorporate these concerns in its decisions about how to handle potential environmental risks posed by LANL. The first session is being held in Santa Fe. Other sessions in Northern New Mexico will be announced at the meeting.

WHERE: Genoveva Chavez Community Center located at 3221 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico

WHEN: Tuesday, July 22, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WHO: New Mexico Environment Department and New Mexico Community Foundation. NMED Secretary Ron Curry will give opening remarks.

For more information, contact Rebecca Kay, NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau, at (505) 476-6040 or rebecca.kay@state.nm.us, or Marissa Stone, NMED Communication Director, at (505) 827-0314