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**NMED and NMCF Convene Community Listening Sessions in Espanola and Los Alamos
about LANL Issues**

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department and the New Mexico Community Foundation are hosting two “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 focus on environmental issues pertaining to the lab. A better understanding of the environmental issues and priorities important to northern New Mexicans and their communities will allow the department to incorporate those concerns in its decisions about how to handle potential environmental risks posed by LANL. The next two sessions will be held in Española and Los Alamos. Future sessions will be held in Pojoaque, Albuquerque, Taos, and Santa Fe.

ESPAÑOLA LISTENING SESSION

WHERE: Northern New Mexico College, located on the Main Campus in Española, N.M.

WHEN: From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept, 30,

WHO: New Mexico Environment Department and New Mexico Community Foundation.

LOS ALAMOS LISTENING SESSION

WHERE: Best Western Hilltop House Hotel, 3rd floor, 400 Trinity Ave, Los Alamos, N.M.

WHEN: From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 2008

WHO: New Mexico Environment Department and New Mexico Community Foundation.

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