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Environment Department Hosts Fourth Annual Tribal Environmental Summit Monday in Santa Fe

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department will host the Fourth Annual Tribal Environmental Summit. The summit will focus on further developing the department's Tribal Consultation Plan through state and tribal leadership discussions and to further identify collaborative environmental projects between the department and New Mexico's 22 Indian Pueblos, Tribes and Nations.

WHY: NMED has worked in a government-to-government capacity with New Mexico's Indian Pueblos, Nations and Tribes for the past four years. The summit will build on the successes of that important relationship.

This year's agenda was created with input from tribal leadership and environmental directors through New Mexico Environment Department Environmental Justice and Tribal Liaison Milton Bluehouse's outreach to the tribal Office of Environmental Technical Assistance and the multi-tribal Indian Resources Advisory Council. The council is composed of New Mexico's tribal environmental directors and staff.

WHERE and WHEN: From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, April 14 at the Hotel Santa Fe in Santa Fe

WHO: New Mexico Environment Department staff including representatives from the programs of Hazardous Waste, Ground Water, Surface Water, U.S. Department of Energy Oversight, Solid Waste, Air Quality, Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau, Drinking Water, Construction Programs and Septic Tanks, and representatives from New Mexico's 22 Indian Pueblos, Tribes and Nations.

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