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**New Mexico Environment Department Releases
CWA 319(h) Grant Request for Proposals March 28, 2008**

In order to prevent nonpoint source pollution from entering New Mexico waterways, The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) will be distributing funding to local governments, non-governmental groups and private citizens in the coming months. These funds come from the federal Clean Water Act Section 319(h), which is geared toward addressing nonpoint source pollution attributed to runoff or other sources that cannot be traced to a single point of origin.

In this Request for Proposals (RFP), the Watershed Protection Section of the SWQB is requesting proposals from established watershed groups for the purpose of implementing on-the-ground projects within specified priority stream reaches in order to meet the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FY 2008 National Water Program Guidance. The §319(h) grants being offered for fiscal year 2008 will fund watershed improvement initiatives that restore priority impaired stream reaches so that water quality standards are attained by 2011. All governmental, non-governmental, or private citizens are encouraged to apply.

On-the-Ground Projects RFP Grant Applications Due: May 9, 2008

Public meetings will be held to introduce the 319 Grant process and answer questions from those who wish to submit proposals.

Pre-Proposal Public Meetings:

SILVER CITY: March 31, 2008; 6-8pm; Grant County Administration Bldg., 1400 Hwy 180
LAS VEGAS: March 31, 2008; 5-7pm; Las Vegas City Chambers, 1700 N. Grand Ave.
SANTA FE: April 1, 2008; 6-8pm; Santa Fe Public Library, 145 Washington Ave.
CIMARRON: April 1, 2008; 5-7pm; Cimarron Watershed Alliance Office, 301 E. 9th St.

The RFP will be available March 28 on the SWQB website (www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb).
For more information about the 319 Grant process or to obtain a hard copy of the RFP document contact: Milee Rotunno, NMED/ SWQB RFP Procurement Manager (505) 476-1873.