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NMED and NMCF Convene Community Listening Sessions in Espanola and Albuquerque about Los Alamos National Laboratory 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. Better understanding of the environmental 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 next two sessions will be held in Española and Albuquerque. Future sessions will be held in Taos and Santa Fe.

ESPAÑOLA LISTENING SESSION

WHERE: Northern New Mexico College, Administrative Building, Rooms 101 & 102, Española, NM

WHEN: From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, 2008

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

ALBUQUERQUE LISTENING SESSION

WHERE: Loma Linda Community Center, Community Room, located at 1700 Yale SE, Albuquerque, NM

WHEN: From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2008

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

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