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Environment Department Receives Plan to Investigate Groundwater Contamination at Ameripride Services Linen Facility in Roswell

(Santa Fe, N.M.) The New Mexico Environment Department's Ground Water Quality Bureau received a Stage 1 Abatement Plan proposal to investigate groundwater contamination at the Ameripride Services linen facility in Roswell.

Soil and groundwater beneath the facility, at 515 North Virginia Ave., were identified as contaminated with chlorinated solvent perchloroethene (PCE) during past investigations. NMED required that an Abatement Plan proposal be submitted within 60 days of notification. The depth to groundwater at the site is approximately 15 feet.

The Stage 1 Abatement Plan submitted by the company proposes collecting soil samples and groundwater samples and installing monitoring wells to define the extent of soil and groundwater pollution.

New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission regulations require responsible parties to remediate ground water pollution. After the investigation is completed, a Stage 2 cleanup proposal will be submitted to NMED. A public notice of the Stage 2 cleanup proposal will be issued by Ameripride Services within 30 days of submitting the proposal to NMED. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the Stage 2 cleanup proposal and request a hearing or meeting. NMED will seek written comments from the public within 60 days of determining that the cleanup proposal is administratively complete.

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