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Environment Department to hold Hearing Wednesday on Renewal of Solid Waste Permit for Camino Real Landfill in Sunland Park

(Santa Fe, N.M.) The New Mexico Environment Department's Solid Waste Bureau will hold a Public Hearing starting Wednesday, Dec. 5 in Sunland Park on the Solid Waste Permit renewal application for Camino Real Landfill.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at **9 a.m. at San Martin De Porres Church, 1885 McNutt Road**. The hearing will continue on the following morning and additional days if necessary.

Residents and others will be able to provide oral or written testimony regarding the landfill at times throughout the hearing as determined by the Hearing Officer, Judge Rudy S. Apodaca. Residents may submit written statements prior to the hearing instead of presenting oral statements during the hearing. NMED will provide translation services for Spanish speakers and an interpretation of the hearing in Spanish and English.

NMED Secretary Ron Curry will make a decision on whether to grant or deny the permit. The Secretary must consider all public comments in his decision to issue or deny the permit. Secretary Curry has until April 13 to make a decision regarding the permit but could decide sooner than that.

The owner of the facility, Waste Connections, Inc., of New Mexico, applied for a 10-year permit renewal in the active permit renewal area of Unit 2 and into new lined cells in Unit 3.

Camino Real Landfill includes four waste disposal units — Units 1 through 4 — on a 480-acre site at 1000 Camino Real Blvd in in Doña Ana County and directly north of the Mexico International Border.

The landfill now accepts municipal solid waste from New Mexico, Texas, and nonhazardous waste from Mexico. The owner wants to continue to operate the landfill in Unit 2 and to modify the permit to allow for the construction and transition to use of lined cells in the proposed Unit 3. The owner seeks to continue accepting nonhazardous wastes including residential municipal solid waste; Commercial solid waste; construction and demolition debris; petroleum contaminated soils (special waste); municipal waste water treatment plant sludge (special waste); and industrial solid waste (special waste). The renewal application provides additional information on engineering design and location details for the proposed Unit 3. The owner also proposed to include a landfill gas collection and control system as required by its existing Air Quality Bureau permit.

Waste Connections, Inc., submitted its permit renewal application to the Solid Waste Bureau of the Department on March 3, 2006.

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