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## **Environment Department Hosts Community Meeting Tomorrow in Carlsbad** Residents Can Have Their Well Water Tested for Free at the Meeting

**WHAT:** The New Mexico Environment Department will host a community meeting Thursday, Oct. 25 to listen to residents' and local leaders' concerns regarding the environment and programs the department oversees. The **agenda includes the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, petroleum storage tank leak cleanups and other local environmental topics.**

Residents can also have the quality of their **well water tested for free** at the meeting. Tests will include electrical conductivity, pH, nitrate, iron and fluoride. Residents should bring water samples from the cold water tap of their kitchen sink. Collect about 18 fluid ounces, about 500 milliliters, of water in a clean, covered, glass or plastic container such as a canning jar or water bottle.

Local residents and area government leaders are invited to attend. The meeting will also serve to inform citizens and officials about the department's programs.

**WHERE:** Carlsbad Library Annex, 101 S. Halgueno

**WHEN:** At 5: 30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25

**WHO:** NMED Secretary Ron Curry, Deputy Secretary Cindy Padilla and other representatives of the department will attend the meeting.

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