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**Environment Department Receives Plan to Investigate Groundwater Contamination
at Chava Trucking Co. in Albuquerque**

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department’s Ground Water Quality Bureau received a Stage 1 Abatement Plan proposal to investigate groundwater contamination at the Chava Trucking Co. in Albuquerque.

The facility, located at 6313 Broadway Boulevard Southeast (St. Rd. 47), has had multiple unauthorized discharges of petroleum hydrocarbons and water contaminants throughout the property since discovery in the summer of 2004.

NMED required that an Abatement Plan proposal be submitted in December 2004 and issued an Administrative Order requiring compliance and assessing a civil penalty on April 24, 2008. NMED received the required proposal on August 20. Depth to ground water across the site ranges from approximately 45 to 80 feet below ground surface.

The Stage 1 Abatement Plan proposes the collection of soil samples, installation of monitoring wells, and collection of ground water samples to define the extent of soil and ground water 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 Chava Trucking Company 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. Written public comment will be sought by NMED within 60 days of determining that the cleanup proposal is administratively complete.

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