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**Environment Department to provide Environmental Monitoring and Assessment
Program Training at Santa Clara Pueblo**

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department will conduct an environmental monitoring and assessment training Thursday at Santa Clara Pueblo.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Training, which will be presented by NMED’s Surface Water Quality and Department of Energy Oversight bureaus, will include an explanation of protocols for evaluating wadable bodies of water such as Santa Clara Creek. The training will also include protocols for evaluating nonwadable waterbodies, such as the Rio Grande River.

“The Environment Department values Tribal collaboration and training in protecting the environment. We are happy to assist New Mexico’s Pueblo Nations in protecting tribal surface water resources with EMAP Biological Assessment and Monitoring training,” said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. “I would like to thank Santa Clara Pueblo for working with the Environment Department to conduct this important training.”

The training includes an overview of methods, documentation and equipment used to evaluate wadable bodies of water. Tribal environmental staff will receive a fundamental understanding of the methods for monitoring the aquatic biological community structure and physical habitat conditions in bodies of water within Santa Clara Pueblo tribal lands.

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