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Environment Department Hosts Community Meeting Oct. 10 in Farmington Residents Can Have Their Well Water Tested for Free at the Meeting

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department will host a community meeting Wednesday, Oct. 10 in Farmington to listen to residents' and local leaders' concerns regarding the environment and programs the department oversees. The agenda includes water quality in the Animas and San Juan Rivers, petroleum storage tank leak cleanups and the Four Corners Air Quality Task Force.

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, and bring it to the meeting.

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. Residents are welcome to suggest items to add to the agenda.

WHERE: Farmington Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington St.

WHEN: At 5: 30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10

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

Another community meeting will be held Oct. 25 in Carlsbad. A meeting is also planned for Los Alamos. Meeting locations are pending.

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