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Environment Department Hosts Community Meeting Tomorrow in Las Vegas N.M.
Residents Can Have Their Well Water Tested for Free at the Meeting

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department will host a community meeting Thursday, Sept. 20 in Las Vegas to listen to residents' and local leaders' concerns regarding the environment and programs the department oversees. The agenda includes **Septic Tanks, Petroleum Storage Tank Leaks, New Mexico Highlands University Torres Golf Course and the PNM Las Vegas Turbine.**

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 and area residents, city, county and tribal 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: City of Las Vegas Council Chambers, 1700 North Grand Ave.

WHEN: At 5: 30 p.m., Thursday, September 20

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

Other community meetings will be held Oct. 10 in Farmington and Oct. 25 in Carlsbad. A meeting is also planned for Los Alamos. Meeting locations are pending.

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