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**Environment Department Seeks Stakeholder Input on Possible Amendments to State's
Liquid Waste Regulations**

Department Issues Notice of Public Meetings across New Mexico

(Santa Fe, N.M.) The New Mexico Environment Department is seeking stakeholder input on proposed changes to state liquid waste regulations before filing a formal petition for proposed regulation amendments with the Environmental Improvement Board.

The department proposes changes to the Liquid Waste Disposal and Treatment Regulations and the Liquid Waste Treatment and Disposal Fees Regulations.

"We've worked to incorporate minor changes necessary to bring the regulations up to date," said Environmental Health Division Director Carlos Romero. "The regulation changes include tweaks to language and formatting and adopting guidelines and specifications that have been recommended by the Wastewater Technical Advisory Committee. Those specifications deal with low pressure disposal systems."

Drafts of the regulation amendments that we are contemplating are posted on the Department's Liquid Waste Program website at this location <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/fod/LiquidWaste/>. We invite you to review these drafts and to submit written comments. Comments should be submitted by close of business on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, to Brian Schall, NMED Liquid Waste Program, 5500 San Antonio Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109. Schall can also be reached at 505-222-9513 or at brian.schall@state.nm.us.

The department will host the following public meetings to discuss possible regulation amendments:

- **Clovis** – Monday, Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m. – NMED Clovis Field Office, 100 East Manana Blvd., Unit 3
- **Roswell** – Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. – Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell, Campus Union Building, 48 University Blvd., Room 110
- **Albuquerque** – Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. – NMED District Office, 5500 San Antonio Drive NE
- **Los Lunas** – Thursday, Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m. – Old Los Lunas Hospital and Campus, RDN Building, 1000 West Main Street
- **Santa Fe** – Monday, Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m. – Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 W. Rodeo Road

- **Las Cruces** – Tuesday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. – Las Cruces Public School Administration Building, Loretto Plaza, 505 South Main St., Conference Room A
- **Alamogordo** – Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m. – Burt Reeves Auditorium, N.M. School for the Blind, 1900 North White Sands Blvd.
- **Ruidoso** – Thursday, Nov. 5, 3 p.m. – Village of Ruidoso Council Chambers, 313 Cree Meadows Drive
- **Taos** – Monday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m. – Taos Agriculture Building, 202 Chamisa Road
- **Farmington** – Thursday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m. – Farmington Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington Street

Liquid waste system installers and inspectors, homebuilders, realtors and other interested stakeholders are invited to attend and to provide their comments and suggestions on what amendments should be made.

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