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**Environment Department to Hold Listening Sessions in Los Alamos and Surrounding Communities to Learn about Residents' Concerns Related to of LANL**

(Santa Fe, N.M.) New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry will announce this evening in Los Alamos that the department will hold a series of listening sessions in Los Alamos, White Rock, Espanola, Taos and other surrounding communities to answer residents' questions and listen to concerns related to the environmental impact of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Secretary Curry has also asked area tribes and pueblos for an invitation to discuss those matters on American Indian land. The department is working on several issues related to the lab that can be discussed, including a new hazardous waste permit and surface water issues related to Santa Fe's Buckman Direct Diversion. In addition, the department continues to monitor LANL's progress in meeting milestones under its Consent Order with the state related to fence-to-fence cleanup at the lab. However, the department is open to discussing any issues related to the LANL.

"Those sessions will give the Environment Department a chance to hear about concerns held by the public about the lab, including environmental matters," Secretary Curry said. "Lab issues reach beyond Los Alamos and we want every resident to have the opportunity to relate to us comments regarding our involvement and oversight of LANL."

Secretary Curry will announce those sessions at a community meeting the department is holding at 5:30 p.m. today at Fuller Lodge, 2132 Central Ave., in Los Alamos. The Environment Department will schedule the listening sessions beginning this fall.

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