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Environment Secretary Speaks This Morning before NRC on State's Permitting Processes for Louisiana Energy Services' Uranium Enrichment Facility

Secretary also Visits NM Congressional Delegation, CEQ

WHAT: New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry will speak before the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the State of New Mexico's permitting processes for Louisiana Energy Services' uranium enrichment facility in Eunice, N.M. Secretary Curry will speak at a public meeting before the NRC Commission. Secretary Curry also visited New Mexico's Congressional Delegation in Washington D.C. and President Obama's Council on Environmental Quality to offer updates regarding the department's work.

WHERE: At 8:30 a.m. today, Feb. 5 MDT at NRC offices in Rockville, Maryland.

WHY: The department granted a groundwater permit for LES in May 2006. LES's permit with the Environment Department called for a storm water pond, a sewage treatment system and two evaporation ponds that would hold industrial and domestic wastewater from the proposed plant. Secretary Curry, who is also Chairman of the Rocky Mountain Low Level Radioactive Waste Board, works with the board in ensuring all issues regarding low level waste from LES and all other low level waste generating facilities are addressed properly

The meeting will be streaming live at www.nrc.gov

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