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**Environment Department Awards \$20,000 Recycling and Illegal Dumping Grant to
Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council**
Grant to Help New Mexico Tribes with Recycling Efforts

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department awarded \$20,000 to the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council to help support recycling programs for the state’s 22 tribes.

The award, which is part of the department’s 2009 Recycling and Illegal Dumping grants, will reimburse the council for expenditures incurred for the purchase of recycling trailers, anti-theft equipment and educational materials for Office of Environment and Technical Assistance’s rotating recycling program.

“This money will help tribes with crucial recycling programs to keep garbage out of landfills,” said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. “We awarded grant money to communities that have a solid plan to improve their areas and who will use the money wisely.”

ENIPC, which serves the state’s 22 tribes, will purchase two trailers it can take to pueblos to collect recyclables on feast days and during other events.

“We also want to purchase educational materials to present to tribal members to help them get recycling programs underway,” said ENIPC’s OETA Environmental Director Boyd Nystedt. “Many tribes are interested in recycling but most are situated in rural areas and find it difficult to begin such programs –we believe these materials will help with those efforts.”

ENIPC also started a tire recycling program with a recent grant it received from NMED.

Recycling and Illegal Dumping grants support projects that protect the health and welfare of the environment and current and future residents of New Mexico by preventing and abating illegal dumpsites; promote environmentally sound methods for reuse and recycling; encourage economic development, community development and collaboration that promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources, sustainable recycling and a cleaner and healthier environment.

A municipality, county, Indian nation, pueblo or tribe, land grant community, cooperative association or solid waste authority that meets eligibility requirements established by the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board.

For more information on future grant funding opportunities, contact Tim Gray with NMED's Solid Waste Bureau at (505) 827-0129 or tim.gray@state.nm.us . For media inquiries, call Marissa Stone Bardino at (505) 827-0314.

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