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**NMED, NMCF, DOE, LANL to Hold Press Conference Wednesday to Launch Web Site
Allowing the Public to View LANL Environmental Data Online**

WHAT: New Mexico Environment Department, New Mexico Community Foundation, the U.S. Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Laboratory will hold a joint press conference to mark the launch of a Web site that will allow the public to access environmental data from the lab from a personal computer. That data includes information collected on LANL operations before, during, and since the Cold War. Those who attend the press conference will be able to see a demonstration of the Data Analysis Tool, called RACER.

WHY: RACER, which stands for Risk Analysis, Communication, Evaluation, and Reduction, was developed in response to community members concerned about environmental impacts of LANL operations, especially after the Cerro Grande Fire. NMCF – as the independent steward for RACER – has worked closely with members of the community, pueblos, NMED, and LANL to facilitate the program. The goal of the initiative is to allow the public to access to environmental data without having to lodge formal requests with LANL or NMED.

WHERE: Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe

WHEN: At 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22

WHO: New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry, New Mexico Community Foundation Chief Operating Officer Michael Chamberlain, LANL Associate Director for Environmental Programs Sue Stiger and others from each agency.

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