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Environment Department Seeks Applicants for Solid Waste Facility Grants
Grant Funding Helps Communities Protect Groundwater and Improve Solid Waste Facilities

(Santa Fe, N.M.) The New Mexico Environment Department is seeking applicants for its 2009 Solid Waste Facility grants.

The grant cycle begins today. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15.

“Solid Waste Facility grants assist local governments, schools and solid waste authorities in protecting groundwater, closing unpermitted landfills and improving existing solid waste facilities,” said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. “We encourage those entities to apply for the grants to continue to make their communities better.”

The grants, which are awarded to assist municipalities, counties, solid waste authorities, and educational institutions helps support:

- Closure of unpermitted and unlined landfills
- Protection of groundwater
- Post closure care of landfills
- Existing solid waste facility improvements/modifications

The New Mexico Environment Department will receive grant applications and conduct a review based on the assessment criteria. All applications will be reviewed for completeness, eligibility, technical merits, and financial capability, based on the priority ranking criteria. Incomplete or improperly completed applications will be eliminated from further consideration.

All applications must be typed and include all of the specified items, and on the forms as specified herein. Two copies of each application shall be mailed, or hand delivered. Faxed and electronic applications will not be accepted. Applications can be mailed to:

NMED Solid Waste Bureau Room S2050
1190 St. Francis Drive

P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502

Grant applications can be found on the Solid Waste Bureau Web site at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/SWB/>

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