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**Environment Department Secretary Issues Statement on Latest Report of Improper  
LANL Waste Disposal at WIPP**

(Santa Fe, N.M.) New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry issued the following statement today on the latest report of improper Los Alamos National Laboratory Waste Disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad:

“I find this report of improper waste handling at LANL and disposal at WIPP very troubling. WIPP’s state-issued permit includes strong disposal prohibitions on liquids to ensure that the repository will continue to operate properly and protect the health of New Mexicans long into the future. I am pleased that WIPP plans to remove this drum voluntarily. NMED will conduct a full and thorough investigation of this incident including the potential of future enforcement actions.”

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