Los Alamos Community Engagement Meeting Notice

The New Mexico Environment Department’s (“NMED”) Resource Protection Division announces that it will hold a community engagement meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the University of New Mexico Los Alamos Campus, 4000 University Drive, Building 6, Room 631, Los Alamos, New Mexico. The focus of this meeting will be the Los Alamos National Laboratory’s (“LANL”) Order on Consent (“Consent Order”) signed by the United States Department of Energy and NMED in 2016. The Consent Order is an “enforceable document” pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 264.101 and is the sole mechanism for enforcing corrective action (i.e., clean up) activities at LANL, with the exception of specific conditions which are addressed under the Hazardous Waste Permit.

Compliance with the terms of the Consent Order constitutes compliance with the requirements for corrective action under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act.

The Resource Protection Division is seeking input from the community regarding the Consent Order, including feedback on what community members feel are successes under the Consent Order as well as challenges. This meeting serves as an opportunity for the community to engage in a constructive dialogue that will feed into a comprehensive analysis of the issues brought forth for NMED’s consideration and analysis of the best path forward toward final clean up at LANL. Written comments may also be submitted for consideration as part of this initial analysis through February 28, 2020, however, feedback is welcome at any time.

Written comments can be submitted to:
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