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The Environment Department's mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations.

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NMED receives, posts community input on 2016 Consent Order

LOS ALAMOS — Earlier this year, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) solicited feedback from the public and stakeholders on the Compliance Order on Consent (“Consent Order”) signed by NMED and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in 2016 related to clean-up of legacy contamination at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). NMED also hosted a meeting in January to receive input from the community on the Consent Order.

The feedback NMED received from the Los Alamos community and other stakeholders is now posted online at NMED’s Hazardous Waste Bureau [webpage](#). NMED is synthesizing the input and plans to discuss improvements with the U.S. Department of Energy to the Consent Order this summer. NMED thanks everyone who provided input on improving the 2016 Consent Order.

“Preventing and addressing contamination from federal facilities in New Mexico is a priority for my Department,” said NMED Cabinet Secretary James Kenney. “We will continue to hold the DOE accountable for cleaning up LANL in accordance with existing settlements as we look to improve outcomes of future agreements.”

NMED will continue to provide strict regulatory oversight of LANL and implement the existing Consent Order in the interim.

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