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**NMED To Hold Open House To Discuss
The San Vicente Creek Mill Restoration Project**

Silver City, NM – The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is encouraging the public to attend a community open house regarding the San Vicente Creek Mill Restoration Project in Silver City, New Mexico on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. Representatives from the New Mexico Environment Department and INTERA will update the public on the Restoration Project, field activities, truck routes and answer questions. The open house will be held:

Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 4:30 pm – 7:00 PM
Silver City Senior Center
205 W. Victoria St., Silver City, NM

The Restoration Project actions include determination of the nature and extent of mill tailings and contaminated soils on-site and off-site; removal of contaminated materials (estimated at 50,000 cubic yards); transportation and disposal of contaminated materials at the Freeport McMoRan Tyrone Mine; restoration of disturbed areas with placement of soil cover where appropriate; and reseeding with and appropriate native or adaptive seed mixture. This project is funded by a natural resource damage settlement obtained by the New Mexico Office of the Natural Resource Trustee (ONRT). Per a Memorandum of Agreement between ONRT and NMED, NMED will oversee and manage the implementation of this Restoration Project.

The Restoration Project is located at the old Silver City Reduction Works off of South Mill Road along San Vicente Creek. The Restoration Project truck haul route will involve South Mill Road, South Bard Avenue, East Daniels Street and South Hudson Street (State Highway 90). The Restoration Project is scheduled to begin on the ground activities the week of May 6th and continue through July.

This meeting is being held in a fully accessible facility. If you need more information, please contact Allan Pasteris, NMED at 505-827-0039 or Joseph Tracey, INTERA at 505-246-1600.

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