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New Mexico Environment Department Leads Emergency Preparedness Exercise for Northern New Mexico Tomorrow in Los Alamos

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will lead a real-time emergency preparedness exercise with Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), State agencies, Tribes, and local emergency managers. The exercise will focus on emergency notification plans and interagency communication capabilities. The day-long, functional exercise will be the culmination of two years of preparation, which involved seminars, table-top exercises, and multiple meetings. Initiated by concerned citizen groups, and conducted using federal grant funding, the project has brought diverse groups to the table to test local capabilities for protecting lives, property, and the environment.

WHERE: Los Alamos National Laboratory/Los Alamos County Joint Emergency Operations Center at Technical Area 69 at the lab and surrounding emergency management facilities.

WHEN: From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday Oct. 14

WHO: NMED, New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and other State Agencies; LANL; Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Taos, and Los Alamos Counties; the eight northern pueblos; and the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

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