



## **Liquid Waste Assistance Program For Indigent Households In the Middle Rio Grande Basin May 2010**

The Office of the Natural Resource Trustee (ONRT) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) are launching a project within the Middle Rio Grande Basin (MRGB) to eliminate illegal cesspools or other substandard household septic systems that threaten water quality and public health. ONRT will fund the project with \$230,000 from natural resource damage settlements for hazardous substance contamination sites in the MRGB. The funds will be used for indigent households to either replace illegal cesspools or improper septic systems with a modern liquid waste system or connect the household to public sewer, if available. The project area includes Sandoval, Valencia and Socorro Counties. Bernalillo County already has an indigent assistance program in place. NMED will administer the program by recruiting and screening indigent households, issuing price agreements with licensed construction contractors, and by permitting, overseeing and inspecting the construction work.

NMED estimates that there are approximately 5,300 indigent households with on-site septic systems in Sandoval, Socorro and Valencia counties. While it is unknown how many of these 5,300 septic systems are substandard, funding should be sufficient to assist 25 to 30 households.

Applicants who are within 150% of the 2009 Poverty Guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09poverty.shtml>, will qualify as indigent and will be eligible for assistance. Eligible applicants will be provided with assistance on a first-come, first-serve basis until depletion of the funds.

The work will be authorized on a site-by-site basis by work orders issued by NMED to construction contractors. Funds will not be transferred to homeowners, and homeowners who have had work done on their own will not be eligible for reimbursement. Funds also will not be used to install liquid waste systems for new homes being constructed or at existing homes to accommodate increases in design flow.

Application forms for this project are attached below. Additional information about the ONRT Liquid Waste Groundwater Protection Project can be found at: <http://onrt.state.nm.us/SouthValleySuperfundSite.html#liquidwastegwprotectionproject>.

In the near future, ONRT and NMED will hold public meetings in Sandoval, Valencia and Socorro Counties at times and locations to be announced, and NMED will issue a request for prices from qualified construction contractors.

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**LIQUID WASTE GROUNDWATER PROTECTION**  
**PROJECT**

**SHORT FORM APPLICATION\***

**NOTE: All confidential data will be protected.**

**Please mail the signed original of this form, with all required documentation and records, to: New Mexico Environment Department, Liquid Waste Program, Indigent Assistance Project, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, NM 87505.**

*Background: The Liquid Waste Groundwater Protection Project pays for septic system replacements or public sewer connections for indigent (low-income) owners of properties located in the Middle Rio Grande Basin in Sandoval, Socorro and Valencia Counties. Licensed contractors will be retained through the Project to repair or replace substandard septic systems or to connect households to public sewer systems. No direct payments to households are authorized through the Project. Penalties will not be assessed for illegal systems that were installed prior to February 1, 2002.*

**I. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name (include Jr. or Sr. if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**II. RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION:**

Physical Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from physical address):

\_\_\_\_\_

Former Address (if residing at present physical address for less than 2 years):

\_\_\_\_\_

Own or Rent \_\_\_\_\_ If owned, how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Title Holder \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Copy of Deed if available.

Home Phone (include area code): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**III. INCOME INFORMATION:**

Please provide a copy of 2008 federal and state tax returns file by your household. These documents will be returned to you after copying for NMED records. *These records will be kept strictly confidential.*

**IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED:**

Have you ever obtained a loan/grant from the State of New Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to a New Mexico Environment Department or Office of the  
Natural Resource Trustee employee? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Child Support Payments: current \_\_\_\_\_ delinquent \_\_\_\_\_

If delinquent on support payments, list amount owed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**V. CHARACTERISTICS OF PRESENT HOUSING**

Number of bedrooms: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a well for drinking water? \_\_\_\_\_ Irrigation well? \_\_\_\_\_

If you purchase water, is the residence metered? \_\_\_\_\_

Utilities:

Electric Company \_\_\_\_\_

Gas Company \_\_\_\_\_

Water Company \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. LIQUID WASTE SYSTEM:**

Describe Present System:

Tank capacity in gallons \_\_\_\_\_

System Type: Septic tank \_\_\_\_\_ cesspool \_\_\_\_\_ Shared \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Age of system: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Liquid Waste Permit: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, list permit number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to connect your home to a public sewer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If not connecting to sewer, describe envisioned improvements to system.:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\* Please note we may need to request additional information before making a  
determination regarding your eligibility for assistance.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

**ONDO INDIGENTE PARA**  
**DESAGUE DE LIQUIDOS**  
**FORMA CORTA DE LA SOLICITUD\***  
**NOTA: TODA INFORMACION CONFIDENCIAL**  
**SERA PROTEGIDA.**

**Envíe por favor la original firmada de esta forma con toda la documentación y registros necesarios a: New Mexico Environment Department, Liquid Waste Program, Indigent Assistance Project, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, NM 87505.**

*Antecedentes: El fondo Indigente para Desagüe de Líquidos paga por los reemplazos del sistema séptico o las conexiones de drenaje público para los dueños indigentes (de bajo ingreso) de propiedades situadas en el Distrito 31 del Senado de NM (mapa adjunto) en el Condado de Doña Ana. Dos contratistas del sistema séptico han sido asignados para reparar o reemplazar sistemas sépticos en malas condiciones o que han sido instalados ilegalmente o para conectar las casas a sistemas públicos de drenaje. El programa no autoriza pagos directos a los residentes. Las penas no serán valoradas para sistemas ilegales que fueron instalados antes del 1 de Febrero de 2002.*

**I. INFORMACION DEL SOLICITANTE**

Nombre (incluya Jr. o Sr. si aplica): \_\_\_\_\_

**II. INFORMACION RESIDENCIAL:**

Dirección Física (Calle, Ciudad, Estado, Código Postal):

\_\_\_\_\_

Dirección Postal (si es diferente a la dirección física):

\_\_\_\_\_

Dirección Anterior (si reside en la presente dirección física por menos de 2 años):

\_\_\_\_\_

¿Es usted dueño de Propiedad o Renta? \_\_\_\_\_ Si es propietario, por cuántos años? \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre del Propietario \_\_\_\_\_

Adjunte copia de título de la propiedad si disponible.

Teléfono de Casa (incluya código de área): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**III. INFORMACION DE INGRESOS:**

Proporcione por favor una copia de su declaración de impuestos del 2008. Estos documentos le serán devueltos después de obtener una copia para los archivos de NMED. *Estos documentos serán estrictamente confidenciales.*

**IV. INFORMACION ADICIONAL REQUERIDA:**

¿Alguna vez ha obtenido un préstamo/beca del Estado de Nuevo México? \_\_\_\_\_  
Si sí, describa \_\_\_\_\_  
¿Está usted relacionado con algún empleado del Departamento del Medio Ambiente de Nuevo México? \_\_\_\_\_  
Si sí, quien? \_\_\_\_\_  
Relación \_\_\_\_\_  
Pagos de manutención del menor: al corriente \_\_\_\_\_ delincente \_\_\_\_\_  
Si su pago de manutención es delincente, Escriba la cantidad que debe \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**V. CARACTERISTICAS DE SU RESIDENCIA ACTUAL**

Número de recámaras: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tiene pozo para agua potable? \_\_\_\_\_ pozo para irrigación? \_\_\_\_\_  
Si compra agua, tiene medidor en su residencia? \_\_\_\_\_  
Utilidades:  
Compañía de Electricidad \_\_\_\_\_  
Compañía de Gas \_\_\_\_\_  
Compañía de Agua \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. SISTEMA DEL DESAGUE DE LIQUIDOS:**

Describa el sistema:  
Capacidad del tanque en galones \_\_\_\_\_  
Tipo de sistema: Fosa Séptica \_\_\_\_\_ Pozo negro \_\_\_\_\_  
Compartida \_\_\_\_\_ Desconocido \_\_\_\_\_  
Edad del Sistema: \_\_\_\_\_  
¿Tiene permiso para el sistema de desagüe de líquidos? \_\_\_\_\_ Si sí, escriba el número de permiso \_\_\_\_\_  
¿Piensa conectar su casa al drenaje de la ciudad? Si \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Si no piensa conectar con el drenaje, describa las mejoras que desea hacer al sistema:  
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\* Por favor tenga en cuenta que podemos necesitar información adicional antes de determinar su elegibilidad para esta ayuda.

Firma \_\_\_\_\_

Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre (en mayúsculas) \_\_\_\_\_