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Notice of Public Information Session

NMED Update on Los Alamos National Laboratory Hexavalent Chromium Plume Cleanup

The State of New Mexico's Environment Department (NMED) will host a public information session on **May 21, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at the Harold Runnels Auditorium, 1190 S St Francis Dr, Santa Fe, NM 87505 and will also be available via WebEx. The virtual meeting link is available on the NMED calendar located here: <https://www.env.nm.gov/events-calendar/>.

NMED will host a public information session to provide an update on the hexavalent chromium plume cleanup occurring at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). In 2005 it was discovered that a portion of the groundwater beneath LANL is contaminated with hexavalent chromium resulting from legacy waste from operations dating back to the 1950s. Since the discovery of the plume, NMED has been regulating the investigation and cleanup of the hexavalent chromium groundwater contamination under the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent (CO). An interim measures pump-and-treat system was installed in 2016 to address concerns for the hexavalent chromium plume's proximity to the Pueblo de San Ildefonso lands. NMED will discuss a brief history of the plume, the interim measures remediation system status, and will provide an update on the information received from recent investigation data.

The CO, which includes a description of the Hexavalent Chromium Campaign and the schedule of activities being completed to progress the cleanup, is available on the NMED website under the Compliance Order on Consent at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/hazardous-waste/lanl-2016-consent-order/>.

Should you need additional information regarding the public meeting, please contact Caitlin Martinez at Caitlin.martinez@env.nm.gov or at (505) 490-5280.

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