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# LANL Order Release Today

## Water Oversight Delayed Draft

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The state Environment Department is scheduled to release its draft environmental corrective action order today, nearly six months after Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Gov. Bill Richardson announced in March that a cleanup agreement had been reached for Los Alamos National Laboratory's hazardous and nuclear waste.

"All outstanding cleanup issues between the state and the Department of Energy have been resolved," Richardson said at the time.

That agreement resolved a 16-month deadlock between the state, LANL, the Department of Energy and the University of California, which operates the laboratory.

The agreement in document form was supposed to be released and available for public comment in May. But its release was delayed until now because the state and Environmental Protection Agency were trying to negotiate state oversight of surface water pollution, which is currently regulated by the EPA regional office in Dallas.

"We decided to go ahead with this draft order and work on that later," NMED spokesman Jon Goldstein said.

He said the state hopes to have full surface water oversight authority by 2006.

The public has 30 days to comment on the draft corrective action order, which Goldstein said is a "huge" document.

"We support the corrective action order, but we regard it as just the first step toward arriving at state mandated cleanup,"

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WHITE ROCK — Dana Kline welcomed Lt. Gov. Diane Denish and Rep. Tom Udall, D-N.M., to tour the house Tuesday that will soon be her Pinon Trails home under an affordable housing purchase program.

But their shoes had to go.

"Can you take your shoes off? This is going to be my house," Kline called out as Denish and Udall prepared to cut a red ribbon strung across her soon-to-

other officials marking the future construction of 121 houses at Pinon Trails, including 50 affordably priced homes, happily complied with Kline's house-proud request.

The ribbon-cutting celebrated the completion of Pinon Trails' first phase, which will include about 16 houses.

The project was begun years ago by Los Alamos Schools officials who wanted affordable housing for teachers and other school workers.

The Los Alamos housing

Rock, sold nearly 25 acres to Los Alamos Housing Partnership Inc., a nonprofit organization, to eventually provide affordable homes for employees, said the partnership's president, Jeannette Vigil Baras.

"Affordable housing has always been an issue, at least for the last 20 or 30 years," Baras said before the ceremony.

The school district had set aside the property for a future

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