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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Hunter, HED Office of the Secretary

THROUGH: Dan Balduini, Program Support Bureau

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SUBJECT: **News Release**

DATE: May 31, 1989

Please release to the media as soon as possible the attached news item.  
all media in the northern portion of the state should be included.



Richard Mitzelfelt, Director of the Environmental Improvement Division of the Health and Environment Department, announced the rescheduling of the hazardous waste draft permit hearing for Los Alamos National Laboratory from June 13, 1989, to July 18, 1989. The decision was prompted by public requests to reschedule due to the WIPP hearings scheduled for the same week in June. "The two hearings are unrelated. The hazardous waste permit will address only chemical wastes at this time and most of the interest so far has been directed toward radioactive waste" Mr. Mitzelfelt stated. "I know that many citizens are interested in LANL and would attend both hearings if given the opportunity." The permit is proposed under the State Hazardous Waste Management Regulations which implement the federal hazardous waste program.

The hearing will be held in Santa Fe at the auditorium of the Harold Runnels building, 1190 St. Francis Dr., beginning at 9:00am. This is a change from the June date which was scheduled for the PERA building. The draft permit is available in the Espanola public library and the EID library in the Harold Runnels building in Santa Fe. A third copy will be in the EID Taos Field office for most of June and will then be moved to the Los Alamos public library for July. Public comments on the draft permit will be accepted by EID through the close of the public hearing scheduled for July 18.