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# Meeting will focus on site

Gandy Marley, Inc., and the New Mexico Environment Department will hold a public information meeting for a proposed hazardous waste management facility tonight from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Best Western Sally Port Inn, 2000 N. Main St.

*GMI has plans to build the waste disposal facility on a 480-acre site about 43 miles east of Roswell and approximately 2 miles south of U.S. 380.*

The meeting is one of three being held across southeastern New Mexico this week to provide information to the public about the proposed Triassic Park hazardous waste management facility near Tatum.

GMI has plans to build the waste disposal facility on a 480-acre site about 43 miles east of Roswell and approximately 2 miles south of U.S. 380.

The site would take wastes such as waste solvents, certain waste water treatment solvents and petroleum refinery wastes, containing such constituents as lead, mercury, arsenic, benzenes and DDT.

According to Dale Gandy, president of GMI, the geology and hydrology of the location makes it an ideal site for a waste disposal landfill.

Gandy also said currently hazardous waste is shipped out of state for disposal or inadvertently ends up in municipal landfills.

Several Santa Fe environmental groups are working with Conservative Use of Resources and Environment, an environmental consortium based in Dexter, to protest the facility.

Environmentalists contend that the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad is enough waste for the state. They also have voiced concerns that many of the chemicals that would go to the proposed waste site are linked to cancers and birth defects.

A spokesman for GMI encouraged anyone interested to attend the meeting that will begin with comments by both GMI and NMED about the details and operating requirements for the proposed facility. This would be followed by a question and answer session.

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