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**State Environment Department Solicits Last Comments
on Proposed Hazardous Waste Facility**

Meeting to be Held in Hagerman

(Santa Fe, NM) -- The New Mexico Environment Department has invited the public to comment on the proposed Triassic Park Hazardous Waste Facility at a meeting in Hagerman, New Mexico on Thursday, October 25. The facility, proposed by Gandy Marly Inc. (GMI) of Tatum, New Mexico would be the first commercial hazardous waste disposal facility in New Mexico, and would be constructed approximately 43 miles east of Roswell off Highway 380 in Chaves County.

This meeting is specifically intended to hear those citizens of Hagerman who were unable to participate in a public hearing held in Roswell, New Mexico last week. However, the Department will accept all comments regardless of a person's town of residence. This is the final opportunity for the public to comment before the Department decides whether to issue an operating permit for Triassic Park.

The meeting will occur on Thursday, October 25 at the Hagerman High School cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m. and will continue until all comments are presented, or until 10 p.m.

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The Department requests that anyone wishing to comment do so in writing. Anyone wanting a formal response to their concerns from the Department should provide a name and address with the comment. The Department will have an individual available at the meeting to write down comments and concerns for individuals who are unable to write for themselves. This individual will be able to write in both English and Spanish.

For additional information, please contact James Bearzi, Chief of the Hazardous Waste Bureau, at (505) 428-2512, or Cathy Tyson, Communications Director, NMED, at (505) 827-0314.

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