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**EMNRD Announces \$800,000 in Funding for
Emergency Response in Southeast New Mexico**

*Funding Part of Record \$74 Million Settlement Between NM and U.S. Department of
Energy*

Santa Fe, NM – Today, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department announced \$800,000 in funding for emergency response in Southeast New Mexico. The funding is part of the \$74 million Governor Susana Martinez and her administration secured in the record settlements between the State of New Mexico and the U.S. Department of Energy last year resulting from the February 2014 incidents at Los Alamos National Labs (LANL) and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

“WIPP and LANL are more than just key job creators here in New Mexico, they play a key role in our national security,” said EMNRD Secretary Dave Martin. “We’re glad that the federal government took responsibility for their actions so that we can continue to ensure the safe and successful operation of both WIPP and LANL in our communities.”

This portion of the settlement will go toward:

- \$510,000 to Eddy County to provide enhanced training and equipment to first responders, and radiological preparedness training for hospital staff.
- \$260,000 to Lea County to purchase tactical medical kits, three biomist sanitizing systems plus equipment and supplies, and more up-to-date radios to improve communications for first responders.
- \$30,000 to the City of Hobbs for tactical medical kits to enhance regional law enforcement response capabilities and officer safety.

The agreements provide funding and scheduling parameters for Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) in both the Carlsbad and Los Alamos communities.

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The projects will improve safety with enhancements to roads, water, and emergency response infrastructure in the New Mexico communities affected by the 2014 incidents. The finalized settlement agreements are based on the State of New Mexico's and DOE's [General Principles of Agreement](#) signed by the parties on April 30, 2015.

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