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**Environmental Health Department, Air Quality Division to Hold Open House in Albuquerque
about Proposed Clean Car Regulation on Wednesday, Oct. 17**

WHAT: The City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, Air Quality Division is hosting a Public Open House in Albuquerque to offer information about a proposed clean car standard for Albuquerque-Bernalillo County and the role the regulation will play in reducing air pollution, including greenhouse gas emissions.

WHERE AND WHEN: At the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE (south of Central Ave. and west of Juan Tabo) on Wednesday, October 17 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

WHO: The Environmental Health Department, Air Quality Division staff as well as New Mexico Environment Department staff will be available to discuss the development of the clean car standard and the related benefits to air quality, health and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

WHY: The Environmental Health Department, Air Quality Division is soliciting comments on the proposed regulation through October 26, 2007. The regulation would put in place a clean car standard developed in support of Mayor Chavez' Albuquerque Green environmental initiatives, which include climate protection, and in accordance with Governor Richardson's Executive Order 2006-069, New Mexico Climate Change Action.

The clean car standard will apply only to new vehicles for sale in New Mexico beginning in Model Year 2011. Car manufacturers will be required to supply New Mexico car dealerships with new vehicles that meet the clean car standard. Car purchasers will still have a wide range of vehicles to choose from, including cars, trucks, and sport utility vehicles. "Clean cars" in Model Year 2011 will produce less smog-producing emissions, less carbon dioxide pollution, and will cost less to maintain due to fuel savings and extended warranties. To date, twelve states have adopted clean car standards. Albuquerque-Bernalillo County and New Mexico are among several states that are now pursuing adoption of the standard.

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