

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment for the  
**Acequia de la Mesa Prieta Rehabilitation Project, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico**

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a proposal to construct wastewater collection and water distribution lines.

The project would construct: 1) 4000 feet of new 18-inch diameter plastic pipeline from the existing point of diversion downstream along the road embankment; 2) two new sluice structures; 3) extend existing 36-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe, located under U.S. Highway 285, over the new PVC pipeline; and 4) extend the existing wire-bound mattress twenty-four feet to safely pass drainage flows from U.S. Highway 285 over the new 18-inch diameter plastic pipeline. The proposed project is located on the Rio Ojo Caliente along U.S. Hwy. 285 approximately seventeen miles north of Española, and six miles south of Ojo Caliente, New Mexico Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Public review of the DEA will begin on October 15, 2008 and will run for 30 days until November 14. The document will also be available on the Corps web site at <http://www.spa.usace.army.mil> (go to FONSI/Environmental Assessments). A hard copy will be sent upon written request. Comments on the DEA / FONSI should be sent to:

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