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## NEWS RELEASE

### **PUBLIC INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW INVESTIGATION DRAFT REPORT AND FINDINGS CONDUCTED BY CHEMRISK, LLC**

*Public Has 30 Days to Provide Comments*

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—October 15, 2010**

ChemRisk, LLC (ChemRisk), a national leader in investigating historical operations at U.S. nuclear weapons facilities has finalized their draft findings on their Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) Project Independent Peer Review (IPR) efforts.

Copies of the Draft Independent Peer Review Technical Report, which describes the evaluation of the potential health risks to Santa Fe residents from future tapwater use of the Rio Grande water to be diverted by the BDD Project, can be obtained on the BDD Project website [www.bddproject.org](http://www.bddproject.org) and on the ChemRisk website [www.chemrisk.com](http://www.chemrisk.com)

The public has 30 days to provide comments. Comments for the ChemRisk IPR team should be directed to **Matthew H. Le, M.P.H. at [MLE@chemrisk.com](mailto:MLE@chemrisk.com)**

In two weeks, a Draft Community Summary and a Draft Executive Summary will also be available for review and comment. These are both shortened versions of the Draft Technical Report.

A third public meeting will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center to present the final BDD IPR reports and the responses to comments that have been received. At the conclusion of the IPR Project, the Final Technical Report, Executive Summary, and Community Summary will be publicly available. The Community Summary will also be made available in Spanish.

The BDD Board requested an Independent Peer Review funded by LANL as one of six specific action steps to ensure water quality. The concept of a LANL-funded peer review conducted on behalf of the BDD Board was also supported at a Water Quality Town Hall meeting held in August, 2008.