



NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
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PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is seeking public input and comment on environmental justice in your communities. The recommendations will be used to formulate community-based policies and planning initiatives. The listening session will be held at:

MIMBRES VALLEY SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER

2300 E. Pine St., Deming, New Mexico
June 30, 2004, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

What is Environmental Justice?

The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, income, or education level with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Environmental justice seeks to ensure that no population is forced to shoulder a disproportionate burden of the negative human health and environmental impacts of pollution or other environmental hazards. (*Definition provided by www.naccho.org*)

For our purpose, we are interested in hearing your environmental justice concerns, if you feel that your community has been forced to shoulder a disproportionate burden of the negative human health and environmental impacts of pollution or other environmental hazards.

Why an Environmental Justice Listening Session?

The NMED environmental justice listening sessions are receptive, solution-oriented meetings conducted with the community, and in partnership with federal, state, Tribal, and local government representatives. The purpose of these listening sessions is to hear from participants on topics ranging from general to specific areas of environmental interest/concern and to work effectively towards mutually beneficial solutions. Individuals and organizations will be given an opportunity to provide input as to their environmental justice concerns and to offer recommendations to the NMED.

What Topics Will Be Covered?

Topics may include: Permitting and Public Participation, Enforcement and Supplemental Environmental Projects, U.S.-Mexico Border Issues, Land Grants, Uranium Mining, Sacred and Religious Sites, Pesticides and Farm Workers, or Water/Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure.

How Do I Participate?

Come at 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the day of the Listening Session and sign-up to be called upon. You will be given five minutes to speak. Written comment will also be accepted at that time, although not required.

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**Your Input
is Needed!**