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NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON STATE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

SANTA FE, NM - The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Solid Waste Bureau (SWB) will be updating the state's 2007 Solid Waste Management Plan and is seeking public comments as guidance in drafting the 2013 document.

Those wishing to participate may complete a short online survey about the 2007 plan and provide suggestions for improvements to the next version of this plan. SWB staff will prepare a revised draft plan based on survey results, and the draft will be distributed to all stakeholders who have indicated they want to be notified. A public meeting will be held to discuss the draft and input from this meeting will be used for revisions and creation of a final report.

- To review the 2007 SWM Plan go: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swb/fswmp.htm>
- To participate in the survey go to:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NM_Solid_Waste_Management_Plan_2013
- Please complete the survey and submit all comments by March 31, 2013

Due in part to those involved during the last stakeholder process, we have been able to implement a large number of goals outlined in the 2007 Solid Waste Management Plan. We applaud their efforts and look forward to collaboratively creating another achievable plan.

The 2007 Solid Waste Management Plan has guided New Mexico to success in several measures: increasing our statewide recycling rate to 21% (2011), improving access to recycling for many communities, improving the annual reporting tools, and implementing environmental justice policies in our permitting process.

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