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### **New Mexico Climate Change Advisory Group to Hold Fourth Meeting in Farmington**

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Climate Change Advisory Group will be holding its fourth meeting April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Farmington Library, 2101 Farmington Ave., in Farmington, New Mexico. All Advisory Group meetings are open to the public and news media.

Established by Governor Bill Richardson's Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Executive Order signed last June, the Advisory Group is a broad-based work group representing industry, environmental groups, tribes, agriculture, energy companies and others.

The group consists of approximately 40 members, including the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), Duke Energy, the New Mexico Farm Bureau, Burlington Resources, the Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council, Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy, the Navajo Nation, and the Municipal League.

The Governor's Executive Order established aggressive greenhouse gas emission reduction targets aimed at reducing emissions to 2000 levels by 2012, 10 percent below 2000 levels by 2020, and 75 percent below 2000 levels by 2050.

The Advisory Group must issue a report to the Governor by the end of December analyzing and prioritizing alternative methods for reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions. New Mexico greenhouse gas emissions are twice the per capita national average and grew more than 20 percent through the 1990s. If no action is taken to curb emissions, New Mexico greenhouse gas emissions are anticipated to grow about 23 percent above 2000 levels by 2020.

New Mexico is unique in that the second-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state stems from the fossil fuel industry, which includes the oil and gas development and production, whereas the transportation sector accounts for the second-largest source of emissions nationwide. The largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state, at 40 percent of the total, is electricity production.

For more information on what New Mexico is doing to combat climate change, as well as for information on the potential effects of climate change in New Mexico, visit [www.nmclimatechange.us](http://www.nmclimatechange.us), or contact Adam Rankin NMED Communications Director, at (505) 827-0314.

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