

# New Mexico's Clean Car Standard

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Governor Richardson's Climate Change Advisory Group unanimously recommended adoption of a Clean Car standard in New Mexico. The Governor included this recommendation in Executive Order 2006-069.

"NMED shall submit to the Environmental Improvement Board a proposal to implement a state clean car standard consistent with clean car standards adopted by other states no later than January 1, 2008."

State of New Mexico

Executive Order 2006-069

New Mexico Climate Change Action

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- ❑ Car and truck emissions are regulated by the federal Clean Air Act.
- ❑ Individual states have the option to adopt a stricter "California", or "Clean Car" standard that sets more stringent emissions requirements for passenger cars and trucks than the Federal regulations.
- ❑ Stricter standards mean better air quality, health benefits, and reduced emission of greenhouse gases.

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- ❑ The Clean Car standard will apply only to “new” vehicles in New Mexico beginning in Model Year 2011.
- ❑ Car manufacturers will be required to supply New Mexico car dealerships with new vehicles that meet the Clean Car standard.
- ❑ Car purchasers will still have a wide range of vehicles to choose from, including cars, trucks, and SUVs.
- ❑ The average “clean car” in Model Year 2011 will be 50-98% cleaner than the average 2003 car and will cost less to maintain.

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The Clean Car standard will regulate the following car and truck emissions:

- Non-methane organic gases
- Carbon monoxide
- Oxides of nitrogen
- Particulate matter
- Greenhouse gases
  - Carbon dioxide
  - Methane
  - Nitrous oxide
  - HFC-134a, also called R-134a (an air conditioning refrigerant)

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- These states have already adopted the Clean Car standard:
  - California
  - New York
  - New Jersey
  - Rhode Island
  - Vermont
  - Maine
  - Connecticut
  - Pennsylvania
  - Massachusetts
  - Oregon
  - Washington
- These states are in the process of adopting the Clean Car standard:
  - Arizona
  - Utah
  - New Mexico
  - Maryland