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The Environment Department's mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations.

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Hemp emergency rule goes into effect

Temporary rule allows hemp industry to operate in compliance throughout the state

SANTA FE — Today, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) enacted an emergency rule regulating the extraction, manufacturing and transportation of hemp and hemp containing products in the state.

This temporary rule, to be in place no more than 180 days, will allow those in the hemp industry to begin operating in New Mexico and ensures the resulting products are safe for consumers while permanent regulations are developed.

“By noon on August 1, NMED received three applications for hemp permits,” said NMED Cabinet Secretary James Kenney. “We look forward to diversifying our economy while ensuring CBD products derived from hemp are safe for New Mexicans.”

The permanent rulemaking process will include a robust public involvement process, including a public comment period and hearings. Final rules are anticipated to be in place in early 2020.

Those involved in the extraction or manufacturing of hemp or hemp containing products must be permitted by NMED, per the Hemp Manufacturing Act passed earlier this year.

The emergency rule, along with information about how to apply for a permit, is available at

<https://www.env.nm.gov/hempprogram/>

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