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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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New Mexico Environment Department awards Estes Express Lines Inc. \$95K in grant funding for equipment upgrades

DERA funding helps businesses reduce emissions, upgrade equipment

Estes Express Lines, Inc. has been awarded \$95,645 in grant funding from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA). This grant will provide partial funding for the replacement of four diesel-fueled freight hauling trucks with new, lower-emission diesel vehicles.

Estes Express Lines mainly operates in the Albuquerque area, an area with ozone concentrations approaching levels considered unhealthy by the EPA. This project will have a significant impact in reducing air pollution in the area, resulting in healthier air quality for residents. The new trucks will use 20,970 fewer gallons of diesel fuel over 10 years than the existing trucks, resulting in an estimated 89% reduction in oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions and a 97% reduction in fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) emissions. NO_x contributes to the formation of ozone, and both ozone and particulate matter contribute to the formation of smog. Both can cause respiratory problems, especially in vulnerable populations like children, the elderly and those with respiratory illnesses.

NMED and EPA want to assist additional New Mexico businesses while improving air quality and public health in our state. If you are interested in receiving DERA funding, let us know! For additional information on DERA funding and diesel emission reduction projects in the state, visit our [website](#) or call us at 505-476-4300.

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