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## **Environment Department releases draft clean car rules and hosts third public engagement meeting for Clean Cars New Mexico**

Today, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) released a [discussion draft of the clean car rules](#) for public review and comment. Initial estimates show that new cars meeting the rules when they take effect in the 2026 model year will save consumers about \$1,300 over the life of the vehicle. If adopted, by 2030 these rules will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 470,000 tons and improve public health by reducing about 280 tons of smog-forming air pollutants.

NMED will consider and incorporate public comments into the draft rules prior to filing a rulemaking petition with the Environmental Improvement Board on December 1, 2021. At the EIB's December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, NMED will ask the board to hold a public hearing on the proposed rules in May 2022. NMED will also seek a coordinated rulemaking proceeding with the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board to achieve consistent standards statewide.

“Every major car and truck manufacturer is transitioning to affordable zero-emission vehicles, like electric cars and trucks,” said Cabinet Secretary James Kenney. “Our clean car rules will help transform transportation in New Mexico by ensuring consumers have a wide variety of vehicles that fit the needs of their family while reducing emissions.”

The Department will accept public comments on the discussion draft at [cleancarsnm@state.nm.us](mailto:cleancarsnm@state.nm.us) through 5 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2021. Members of the public and other interested persons will have additional opportunities to provide input on the updated draft rules prior to and during the regulatory hearing.

NMED and the City of Albuquerque will host their third virtual public engagement meeting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, to present the details of the draft rules and the associated health and economic benefits.

“We are proud to partner with NMED to develop clean cars rules to reduce pollution from our largest source emissions in the Albuquerque metro area,” said Mara Elana Burstein, City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Deputy Director. “Stakeholder and public input are important

steps in the rulemaking process to guide our work and protect public health.”

For additional information on the clean car rulemaking, contact Claudia Borchert at NMED at 505-699-8489 or [cleancarsnm@state.nm.us](mailto:cleancarsnm@state.nm.us). Sign up to receive Clean Cars New Mexico email updates [here](#). If you need language interpretation services or other accommodations for the November 3 public meeting, please contact Claudia Borchert by October 29, 2021.

**MEETING INFORMATION**

Topic: Clean Cars New Mexico: Public Engagement Meeting #3

Time: 4 p.m. Mountain Time, November 3, 2021

WebEx Meeting link: <https://nmed-oit.webex.com/nmed-oit/j.php?MTID=m3986e7b34081ef7d2e3a5abaddcd5144>

Meeting number (access code): 2466 653 5584; Meeting password: IAmNMED

To join from a mobile device: +1-415-655-0001,,24666535584##

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