



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Environment Department to close Deming field office**

*Closure of the Deming field office necessitated by lack of appropriated funding for building leases*

**DEMING** — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will permanently close its field office in Deming, located at 405 E. Florida Street, on September 30, 2023.

The Department is committed to excellence in customer service to all New Mexicans. To that end, NMED's priority is retaining all current employees while recruiting new employees for current vacancies.

The closure of the Deming field office was necessitated by operating budget constraints. NMED is evaluating the closure or consolidation of additional field offices due to the lack of appropriated funding for building leases.

Starting October 1, 2023, all in-person transactions, including submitting permit applications or modifications and payment of permit and application fees, may be completed at our Silver City office located at 3082 32nd Street Bypass, Suite D. NMED also accepts payment of fees through the mail and, in some cases, online.

The Deming field office has served as the primary hub for approximately 382 regulated entities and offered services including permitting and inspections for local restaurants, temporary food service events, residential and commercial septic systems and public pools and spas.

For more information on the closure of the Deming office, contact the Environmental Health Bureau at 505-850-2344. For a link to NMED office locations, click here: <https://www.env.nm.gov/contact-us/>.

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