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New Mexico Environment Department Proposes Food Program Changes

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Environment Department's Food Program is proposing major changes to the state's food regulations covering the operation of restaurants, mobile and temporary food establishments, and food processors. The proposed changes include adoption of the 2013 federal model Food Code, as well as a requirement for food manager and food employee certification to handle and serve food. The proposed regulations can be obtained by visiting https://www.env.nm.gov/foodprogram.

The Food Program is currently seeking comments on the proposed regulations. Interested parties can provide feedback by visiting the Food Program's website and clicking on the link "NMED Food Program Proposed Regulation Page" or by attending one of the upcoming public meetings.

Three public meetings will be held to explain the proposed changes, gather feedback and answer questions. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Albuquerque: September 23, 2015, 2pm-4pm NMED District Office 121 Tijeras Avenue NE. Albuquerque, NM 87102

Santa Fe: September 30, 2015, 2pm-4pm Harold Runnels Building Auditorium 1190 St. Francis Dr. Suite N4050 Santa Fe, NM 87505

Las Cruces: October 6, 2015, 2pm-4pm Doña Ana Community College East Mesa Campus Student Resources Building 2800 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88021

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