

## **Environment Department**

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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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## Environment Department releases new environmental review request process

New online process streamlines environmental reviews

**SANTA FE** — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has implemented a web portal for the submission of environmental review requests. The page walks the requester through the request form, so that requests are completed and submitted directly to the appropriate NMED unit that will coordinate the internal review process. This organizational improvement will help modernize NMED's operations related to environmental review requests by streamlining the process to ensure compliance with state regulations and permits, and by ensuring timely responses to requesters.

Environmental reviews are an information-gathering process intended to help public agencies make informed permitting and approval decisions, provide the public access to decision makers, and support public awareness and meaningful input into decision making. NMED receives requests for environmental reviews from counties, municipalities, agencies, non-profit organizations, engineering companies, environmental companies, consultants, and others.

The new web portal to submit environmental review requests is available at <u>https://www.env.nm.gov/review-request/</u>. Please email any questions about how to submit environmental review requests to <u>ENV.Review@env.nm.gov</u>. With the availability of this web portal, NMED will no longer accept paper versions of environmental review requests.

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