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## Environment Department

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## NMED'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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## Four Public Involvement Meetings around the State on New Mexico's Implementation of EPA's Clean Power Plan

**Santa Fe** – The New Mexico Environment Department will host several public meetings in various locations around the state in order to share information, answer questions and receive initial public input on the options available for developing a State Implementation Plan in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power Plan. EPA's Clean Power Plan sets requirements for certain electric generators to lower carbon dioxide emissions. States are then required to develop an implementation plan to ensure that these federal requirements are met.

The meetings include a brief introduction to the Clean Power Plan, followed by the opportunity for interested citizens to provide input to the New Mexico Environment Department and to ask questions regarding the final rule. Oral and written comments and questions will be accepted and can be sent in advance, if desired, to: <u>NMENV-NMCPP@state.nm.us</u>. Basic information about the Clean Power Plan will be provided and is also available at: <u>http://www.env.nm.gov/aqb/CPP.htm</u>.

Who:	New Mexico Environment Department, Clean Power Plan Team	
What: When	Public Involvement on EPA's Clean Power Plan Requirements for New Me	exico
& Where:	• 3 - 5 p.m. Friday, December 4 <sup>th</sup> , Las Vegas, New Mexico	
	City of Las Vegas City Council Chambers, 505-454-1401	
	1700 N. Grand Avenue	<u>map</u>
	• 12 – 3 p.m. Monday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> , Roswell, New Mexico	
	(Open House 12:00 – 1:00; Presentation at 1:00)	
	Roswell-Chaves County Economic Development Corporation	
	220 N. Main Street	<u>map</u>
	• 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> , Las Cruces, New Mexico	
	(Presentation at 10:00; Open House 12:00 – 1:00)	
	New Mexico Environment Department District 3 Office	
	2301 Entrada del Sol	<u>map</u>

 12 – 3 p.m. Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Farmington, New Mexico (Open House 12:00 – 1:00; Presentation at 1:00) San Juan College, School of Energy building, Merrion Room 4601 College Boulevard

<u>map</u>

Please contact Cindy Hollenberg, New Mexico Environment Department, at 505-476-4356 to RSVP or for further information. Visit: <u>http://www.env.nm.gov/aqb/CPP.htm</u> for information on the Clean Power Plan and ways to participate in the process of developing a State Implementation Plan.

The Clean Power Plan Team includes staff from the New Mexico Environment Department, The City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, and the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

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