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Environmental Health Definition

Environmental health is defined as freedom from illness or injury related to toxic agents and other environmental conditions that are potentially detrimental to human health (The Institute of Medicine; in Nursing, Health, and the Environment, 1995). Environmental health focuses on the linkages between human health and the conditions present in the environment and all of its elements, including such things as: the air that we breathe, the water that we drink and bathe and swim in, the soil that we come in contact with, the food we consume, the housing we live in, and the landscape.

According to the World Health Organization, environmental hazards are responsible for about a quarter of all disease worldwide. There are a number of environmental health issues that confront counties in south-central New Mexico, such as high rates of childhood asthma and particulate matter air quality problems. This Environmental Health Resource Guide was developed to help citizens address environmental health issues in their communities.

Background

The Environmental Health Committee (EHC) of the New Mexico Border Health Council was established in 1994 and since then has worked towards improving the environmental health status of the New Mexico border population through community education, advocacy, and resource development. One of the objectives of the committee was to create resource guides of environmental health agencies in the southern part of New Mexico.

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Gila Resources Information Project

305A North Cooper Street, Silver City, NM 88061

Phone: (575) 538-8078; www.gilaresources.info

Office of Border Health/New Mexico Department of Health

1170 N. Solano, Suite L, Las Cruces, NM 88001

Phone: (575) 528-5156 or 1-800-784-0394; www.nmborderhealth.org

Southern Area Health Education Center

New Mexico State University, PO Box 30001, MSC AHC, Las Cruces, NM 88003

Phone: (575) 646-3441; www.soahec-nm.org

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Acronyms

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| NMDA | New Mexico Department of Agriculture |
| NMDOH | New Mexico Department of Health |
| NMDOT | New Mexico Department of Transportation |
| NMED | New Mexico Environment Department |
| NMEMNRD | New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department |
| NMSU | New Mexico State University |
| US EPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |

Important Numbers

Emergency – 911
New Mexico Poison Center – 1-800-222-1222
NMED Alamogordo Field Office – (575) 437-7115
NMDOH Environmental Health Epidemiology Bureau on-call hotline (505) 827-0006

1. Agriculture

Whom do I call to report a dead or decaying animal?

Contact the animal's owner to alert him/her to the problem. If you cannot reach the owner, contact the NM Livestock Board at (505) 841-6161 if it is a farm animal. Call your city or county animal control office for dead domestic animals. For protected species, call the NM Dept. of Game & Fish at (505) 827-9376.

1A Agricultural Burning

See 2D Open Burning of Agricultural Waste.

1B Dairies

For questions about dairy product safety:

NMDA Dairy Bureau

2604 Aztec NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
Phone: (505) 841-9425
Fax: (505) 841-9426
<http://nmdaweb.nmsu.edu>

For information regarding regulation of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs):

NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau District III Office

www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/cafo/index.html

1C Farm Animals

New Mexico Livestock Board

300 San Mateo NE, Suite 1000
Albuquerque, NM 87108-1500
Phone: (505) 841-6161
Fax: (505) 841-6160
www.nmlbonline.com/
District 4 (Otero County)
Phone: (575) 687-4224

1D Farm Workers

To report a violation of pesticide management regulations:

NMDA Bureau of Pesticide Management

3190 South Espina
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005
Phone: (575) 646-2133
Fax: (575) 646-5977
<http://nmdaweb.nmsu.edu/pesticides>

For injuries suffered from occupational exposure to pesticides:

New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Bureau

525 Camino de Los Marquez, Ste. 3
Santa Fe, NM 87501
Toll Free: (877) 610-6742
Fax: (505) 476-8734
www.nmenv.state.nm.us/OHSB_Website/ohsb_home.htm

For treatment of symptoms related to pesticide exposure: See 10 Hospitals

For free (non-criminal) to low-income eligible clients in southern New Mexico:

Southern New Mexico Legal Services

600 East Montana, 3D
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Phone: (575) 541-4800
Toll-free: (866) 515-7667
Fax: (575) 541-4860

1E Farm Worker Field Sanitation

Operations with 10 or more employees must provide sanitary facilities in the field.

New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Bureau

525 Camino de Los Marquez, Ste. 3
Santa Fe, NM 87501
Toll Free: (877) 610-6742
Fax: (505) 476-8734
www.nmenv.state.nm.us/OHSB_Website/ohsb_home.htm

1F Migrant Labor Camps

See 1E Farm Worker Field Sanitation

1G Pesticides

For farm worker health issues, see 1D Farm Workers. For other issues, see 15 Pesticides.

2. Air Quality

Am I allowed to burn trash?

Under the NM Open Burning Regulation, all burning of household waste is prohibited. Before this regulation, backyard trash burning was the state's largest source of dioxin and some other highly toxic pollutants. Check with your local fire department about permits for open burning of yard waste.

Are emissions from local industries hazardous to our health?

Emissions are gases and/or particles that are released to the air by a variety of activities, such as mining, construction, and manufacturing. EPA and NMED require industries to control their emissions to prevent air quality problems and protect public health. To find out more about your air quality, visit the NMED Air Quality Bureau website at www.nmenv.state.nm.us/aqb/index.html for monitoring information or call the AQB District III Office at (575) 524-6300 for information or to report possible emissions violations.

2A Asthma

NMDOH Office of Epidemiology

1190 St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110
Toll-free: 1-800-879-3421
Fax: (505) 827-0013
www.health.state.nm.us/community

2B Vehicle Emissions Inspections

Currently, there are no vehicle emission inspection requirements for areas in south-central NM.

2C Dust Control

NMED District III Office

1170 North Solano Drive, Suite M
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Phone: (575) 524-6300
Fax: (575) 526-3891
www.nmenv.state.nm.us

2D Open Burning of Agricultural Waste

Permits for open burning are no longer required; however, the NM Open Burning Regulation outlines requirements that must be met if burning is to occur.

NMED District III Office

1170 North Solano Drive, Suite M
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Phone: (575) 524-6300
Fax: (575) 526-3891
www.nmenv.state.nm.us

2E Open Burning of Trash

See 2D, Open Burning of Agricultural Waste

2F Open Burning of Yard Waste

Alamogordo Fire Services

700 Virginia
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 439-4300
Fax: (575) 439-4320

Elephant Butte Fire Department

309 Rock Canyon
Elephant Butte, NM 87935
Phone: (575) 744-5000
Fax: (575) 744-4493

Mescalero Fire Department

242 Trout Loop
 Mescalero, NM 88340
 Phone: (575) 464-3473
 Fax: (575) 464- 3474

Otero County Sheriff's Department

3208 North White Sands Blvd.
 Alamogordo, NM 88310
 Phone: (575) 437-2210
 Fax: (575) 443-2937

Truth or Consequences Fire Services

505 Simms
 T or C, NM 87901
 Phone: (575) 894-6673
 Fax: (575) 894-7767

2G Pollen

To view the Albuquerque Journal pollen count: www.abqjournal.com/health

3. Animals**What do I do if I find a swarm or colony of bees?**

You should stay calm and immediately leave the area, keeping children and pets away from the bees. You won't be able to tell the difference between regular honeybees and Africanized bees (i.e. killer bees). Do not try to control the bees yourself, but instead call your local pest control service. In case of emergency, call 911.

Is there a limit to the number of animals a person is allowed to have on his/her property?

There is no statewide limit. Check with your city or county code enforcement officer, property owners association, or housing development covenants to see what restrictions apply in your area.

To whom do I report stray animals?

Call your city or county animal control department.

3A Animal Abuse**Alamogordo Animal Control**

2910 N. Florida Avenue
 Alamogordo, NM 88310
 Phone: (575) 439-4330
 Fax: (575) 439-4328

Cloudcroft Public Safety/Animal Control

201 Burro Avenue
 Cloudcroft, NM 88317
 Phone: (575) 682-2411
 Fax: (575) 682-2042

Elephant Butte Code Enforcement

103 Water Street
 Elephant Butte, NM 87935
 Phone: (575) 744-4892
 Fax: (575) 744-4493

Mescalero Conservation Office/Animal Control

123 Deer Trail
 Mescalero, NM 88340
 Phone: (575) 464-4427
 Fax: (575) 464-9527

Sierra County Humane Society/Desert Haven Animal Refuge

PO Box 638
 Williamsburg, NM 87942
 Phone: (575) 894-3447
www.deserthaven.petfinder.com

Truth or Consequences Animal Control

505 Simms
 T or C, NM 87901
 Phone: (575) 894-6673
 Fax: (575) 894-7767

Tularosa Animal Control

609 B Saint Francis Drive
 Tularosa, NM 88352
 Phone: (575) 585-2704
 Fax: (575) 585-2754

Williamsburg Public Safety

309 Veater /P.O. Box 150
 Williamsburg, NM 87942
 Phone: (575) 894-6385
 Fax: (575) 894-0466

3B Disposal of Dead Animals

See 3A Animal Abuse

3C Farm Animals

See 1C Farm Animals

3D Feral Animals

For non-protected species, contact local animal control. See contacts in 3A, Animal Abuse.

For wild animals such as deer, javelina, bear, bobcat, elk, beaver and other protected species, contact:

NM Department of Game and Fish

One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507
Phone: (505) 476-8000
<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/>

3E Rabies

www.health.state.nm.us/epi/rabies.html

For an emergency – call 911
Report any wild animal that appears sick, is acting abnormally, or is recently dead to:

NM Department of Game and Fish

24-hr Dispatch

4491 South Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87505
Phone: (505) 827-9376
Fax: (505) 827-9630
www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Alamogordo Animal Control

2910 N. Florida Avenue
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 439-4330
Fax: (575) 439-4328

Tularosa Public Health Office

404 Fresno
Tularosa, NM 88352
Phone: (575) 585-2280
Fax: (575) 585-3010

NMDOH Rabies Control Program

201 E. 4th
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-2716
Fax: (575) 894-3478

4. Climate Change

What can I do to reduce my greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change?

You can switch to energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Purchase energy efficient appliances. Look for U.S. EPA's ENERGY STAR® label that certifies superior energy efficiency and performance.

Calculate your carbon footprint and find ways to reduce it at:

www.fightglobalwarming.com/carboncalculator.cfm or
www.safeclimate.net/calculator/

New Mexico Climate Change Initiatives

New Mexico Environment Department
1190 St. Francis Dr. Suite N4050
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Phone: (800) 219-6157
www.nmenv.state.nm.us/cc/

For an on-line directory of green businesses and resources in southern New Mexico that can help you reduce your climate footprint, see

Viva Verde Guide

305A N. Cooper Street
Silver City, NM 88061
Phone: (575) 538-8078
www.vivaverdenm.com

5. Environmental Health-General

Office of Border Health/New Mexico Department of Health

1170 N. Solano, Suite L
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Phone: (575) 528-5156
Toll-free: (800) 784-0394
www.nmborderhealth.org

NMDOH Environmental Health Epidemiology Bureau

1190 St. Francis Dr.
P.O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110
Phone: (505) 476-3571
Fax: (505) 827-0013
www.health.state.nm.us

New Mexico Environment Department

1190 St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Phone: (800) 219-6157
www.nmenv.state.nm.us

Southern Area Health Education Center/Border Health Education Training Center

New Mexico State University
P.O. Box 30001, MSC AHC
Las Cruces, NM 88003
Phone: (575) 646-3441
Fax: (575) 646-6413
www.soahec-nm.org

White Sands Missile Range US Army Garrison, Environmental Health

Phone: (575)678-1331
www.wsmr.army.mil

6. Environmental Justice

What is environmental justice?

The State of New Mexico is committed to affording all of its residents, including communities of color and low-

income communities, fair treatment and meaningful involvement in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies regardless of race, color, ethnicity, religion, income or educational level.

New Mexico Border Environmental Justice Liaison

New Mexico Environment Department
1170 N. Solano Dr. Suite M
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Phone: (575) 528-6029
www.nmenv.state.nm.us/Justice/

New Mexico Environmental Law Center

1405 Luisa Street, Suite 5
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
Phone: (505) 989-9022
Fax: (505) 989-3769
www.nmenvirolaw.org

Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice

P.O. Box 7399
Albuquerque, NM 87194
Phone: (505) 242-0416
Fax: (505) 242-5609
www.sneej.org

SouthWest Organizing Project

211 10th St. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Phone: (505) 247-8832
Fax: (505) 247-9972
www.swop.net

7. Food Safety

I got sick at a certain restaurant; to whom do I report it?

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is responsible for enforcing the New Mexico Food Service and Processing Regulations. Report any food-borne illness to your local NMED office.

I observed unsanitary restaurant conditions, whom do I call?

Report any unsanitary conditions to your local office of the NMED, including a detailed description of what you observed and the date and time you observed it.

Can I find out which of my local restaurants have been shut down or cited for violations of food safety regulations?

Call your local NMED office for this information.

Where do I go to get a food permit?

Call your local NMED office or visit the NMED Food Program website: www.nmenv.state.nm.us/fod/Food_Program/index.html for a permit application.

NMED Alamogordo Field Office

1015 Cuba Ave., Bldg A
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 437-7115
Fax: (575) 434-1813
www.nmenv.state.nm.us

8. General Listing

8A Barber and Beauty Shops

Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

2550 Cerrillos Road, 2nd Floor
Santa Fe, NM 87505
Phone: (505) 476-4690
Fax: (505) 476-4665
www.rld.state.nm.us

8B Building Permits

Construction Industries Division,

505 South Main Street, Suite 150
Loretto Town Center
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Phone: (575) 524-6320
Fax (575) 524-6319
www.rld.state.nm.us/cid/

Municipalities with local building codes:

Alamogordo Community Development

1376 E Ninth Street
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 439-4235
Fax: (575) 439-4343

Cloudcroft Code Enforcement

201 Burro Avenue
Cloudcroft, NM 88317
Phone: (575) 682-2411
Fax: (575) 682-2042

Elephant Butte Code Enforcement

103 Water Street
Elephant Butte, NM 87935
Phone: (575) 744-4892
Fax: (575) 744-4493

T or C Building Inspector

505 Simms
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-6673
Fax: (575) 894-7767

Tularosa Code Enforcement

705 St. Francis Drive
Tularosa, NM 88352
Phone: (575) 585-2571
Fax: (575) 585-2754

8C Burial

Thanatopractice Board

2550 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87505
Phone: (505) 476-4970
Fax: (505) 476-4665
www.rld.state.nm.us

8D Consumer Product Safety

New Mexico Office of the Attorney General

P.O. Drawer 1508
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1508
Phone: (505) 827-6060
Toll free: 1-800-678-1506
Fax: (505) 827-6685

To subscribe to consumer newsletter:
publicinformationoff@nmag.gov
www.nmag.gov

8E Free Legal Services

For free legal services (non-criminal) to low-income eligible clients in southern New Mexico:

Southern New Mexico Legal Services

600 E. Montana Suite D
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Phone: (575) 541-4800
Toll-free: 1-866-515-7667
Fax: (575) 541-4860

8F Hotel/Motel/Campground

Only regulations regarding swimming pools and food preparation apply.

NMED Alamogordo Field Office

1015 Cuba Ave., Bldg A
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 437-7115
Fax: (575) 434-1813
www.nmenv.state.nm.us

8G Landlord/Tenant Relations

Landlords are required to maintain minimum housing standards including ventilation systems. There is currently no landlord licensing for New Mexico.

Law Access New Mexico

7200 Montgomery Blvd. NE, #196
Albuquerque, NM 87107
Phone: (505) 998-4529
Toll free: 1-800-340-9771

Office of the Attorney General

P.O. Drawer 1508
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1508
Phone: (505) 827-6060
Toll free: 1-800-678-1508
Fax: (505) 827-6685

www.nmag.gov

8H Liquor License

Alcohol and Gaming Division, NM Regulation & Licensing Dept.

PO Box 25101
Santa Fe, NM 87504
Phone: (505) 476-4875
Fax: (505) 476-4595

www.rld.state.nm.us

8I Massage Therapy

New Mexico Massage Therapy Board

2550 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87505
Phone: (505) 476-4870
Fax: (505) 476-4645

www.rld.state.nm.us

8J Tattoo/Body Piercing

Not regulated. Unclean equipment can transmit infectious diseases, such as hepatitis and AIDS. In case of infection, contact your physician or see 7 Hospitals/Clinics.

8K Swimming Pools

NMED Alamogordo Field Office

1015 Cuba Ave., Bldg A
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 437-7115
Fax: (575) 434-1813

www.nmenv.state.nm.us

9. Health Councils

Health Councils collaborate with wellness service providers to build a stronger communication link between agencies and individuals. They address such topics as substance abuse, domestic violence, fitness and nutrition, and economic development.

Otero County Health Council

700 East First St., Suite 720
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 443-8100
Fax: (575) 437-2949
www.oterohealthcouncil.org

Sierra County Health Council

PO Box 2225
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-5961 / 740-3680
Fax: (575) 894-4636

10. Hospitals/Clinics

Ben Archer Health Center

2150 Hwy 54 South
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 443-8133
Fax: (575) 443-8055

Ben Archer Health Center

1960 N. Date
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-7662
Fax: (575) 894-7930

Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center

2669 North Scenic Drive
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 439-6100
www.gcrmc.org

Mescalero Hospital

318 Abalone Loop
Mescalero, NM 88340
Phone: (575) 464-4441
Fax: (575) 464-4422

Mescalero Wellness Center/Diabetes Office

474 Mescal Loop
Mescalero, NM 88340
Phone: (575) 464-6383
Fax: (575) 464-2093

Sacramento Mt. Med. Center (Presbyterian Medical Services)

74 James Canyon Hwy
Cloudercroft, NM 88317
Phone: (575) 682-2542
www.pms-inc.org

Sierra Vista Hospital

800 E. 9th St.
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-2111
Fax: (575) 894-7659

Tularosa Medical Center

(Presbyterian Medical Services)
111 Central Avenue
Tularosa, NM 88352
Phone: (575) 585-1250

Urgent Care Clinic

White Sands Family Practice Clinic
2010 Pecan Drive
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 434-9737

11. Indoor Air Quality

Should I be worried about radon in my home?

Radon is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas that is released from soil, rock and groundwater and can build up inside homes and buildings. Because it is very common, it is considered to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. To find out if you live in an area of New Mexico with potentially high concentrations of radon or for more information on radon test kits, call the

NMED Radiation Control Bureau at (505) 827-1093 or visit www.nmenv.state.nm.us/nmrcb/radon.html

What do I do if I smell gas in my house or apartment?

If you suspect that you have a gas leak, call your local fire department and get out of the house immediately. For repairs or inspections for gas leaks, call your local gas company. If you live in an apartment, contact your apartment manager or landlord. Landlords are responsible for maintaining minimum housing standards.

Whom do I call to find out more about my local smoking ordinance?

Call your city or county code enforcement office.

Should I be worried about my child's asthma in his/her school?

Schools have the potential for poor indoor air quality which can lead to increased asthma symptoms. If you are concerned, contact your child's school to find out if the school is managing potential indoor air quality problems, such as mold and indoor use of pesticides. The EPA Tools for Schools Program is a valuable resource for improving indoor air quality: www.epa.gov/iaq/schools

11A Asbestos

NMED Air Quality Bureau Asbestos Enforcement Section

1301 Siler Rd., Bldg B
Santa Fe, NM 87507
Phone: (505) 476-4300
Fax: (505) 476-4375
Asbestos Hotline: 1-800-224-7009
www.nmenv.state.nm.us

The following companies conduct asbestos testing:

ACME Environmental

3816 Carlisle NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
Phone: (505) 872-2263
Fax: (505) 889-8261
www.acmeenvironmental.com

Assaigai Labs

4301 Masthead NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
Phone: (505) 345-8964
Fax: (505) 345-7259
www.assaigai.com

Sun City Analytical

1409 Montana Ave.
El Paso, TX 79902
Phone: (915) 533-8840
Toll Free: 1-800-882-9268
Fax: (915) 533-8843

11B Carbon Monoxide

Carbon Monoxide is an odorless gas. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include severe or mild headaches, dizziness, mental confusion, nausea, shortness of breath, and fainting. If you have been exposed, call 911.

For detecting or repairing a gas leak:

Mescalero Gas Co.

222 Chiricahua Plaza
Mescalero, NM 88340
Phone: (575) 464-4323
Fax: (575) 464-4580

NM Gas Co. Alamogordo

1108 Cuba Ave
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Toll free: 1-888-664-2726
www.nmgco.com

NM Gas Co. Truth or Consequences

405 Austin Street
Truth or Consequences, NM 87901
Toll-free: 1-888-664-2726
www.nmgco.com

11C Mold

NMDOH Environmental Health Epidemiology Bureau

1190 St. Francis Dr. N1320
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Toll-free: 1-800-879-3421
Fax: (505) 827-0013
www.health.state.nm.us

US EPA Indoor Environments Division

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Mail Code 6609J
Washington, DC 20460
Phone: (202) 343-9370
Fax: (202) 343-2394
www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/index.html

11D Second-Hand Smoke

T or C Code Enforcement

505 Simms
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-6673
Fax: (575) 894-7767

CHINS (Children In Need of Services)

Tobacco Education Program
501 24th St.
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 434-3011

12. Lead

12A Poisoning

New Mexico Poison Center

MSC09 5080/1 University of New
Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001
Phone: (505) 272-4261
Fax (505) 272-5892
Emergency Line: 1-800-222-1222
hsc.unm.edu/pharmacy/poison

12B Lead in Plumbing

NMDOH Environmental Health Epidemiology Bureau

1190 St. Francis Dr. N1320
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Toll-free: 1-800-879-3421
Fax: (505) 827-0013
www.health.state.nm.us/community

US EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

Ariel Rios Building (4601)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460-0003
Toll Free: 1-800-424-LEAD
Fax: 202-564-3753
www.epa.gov/safewater/lead/index.html

12C Lead in Paint, Dust, Soil

NMDOH Environmental Health Epidemiology Bureau

1190 St. Francis Dr. N1320
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Toll-Free: 1-800-879-3421
Fax: (505) 827-0013
www.health.state.nm.us

National Lead Information Center

422 South Clinton Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
Toll-Free: 1-800-424-LEAD
Fax: 585-232-3111
www.epa.gov/lead/index.html

12D Lead Testing

ACME Environmental

3816 Carlisle NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
Phone: (505) 872-2263
Fax: (505) 889-8261
www.acmeenvironmental.com

Assaigai Labs

4301 Masthead NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
Phone: (505) 345-8964
Fax: (505) 345-7259
www.assaigai.com

13. Mining

13A Abandoned Mines

Abandoned Mine Land Bureau
NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural
Resources Dept.
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505
Phone: (505) 476-3400
Fax: (505) 476-3402
[www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/AML/
AMLmain.htm](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/AML/AMLmain.htm)

13B Hard Rock Mining Permitting & Reclamation

Mining Act Reclamation Program
NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural
Resources Dept.
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505
Phone: (505) 476-3400
Fax: (505) 476-3402
[www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/
MARPMainPage.htm](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/MARPMainPage.htm)

13C Groundwater Quality Protection

**Mining and Environmental
Compliance Section**
NM Environment Dept.
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Phone: (505) 827-2918
Fax: (505) 827-2965
www.nmenv.state.nm.us

14. Nuisance

What are nuisance problems and where can I file a complaint?

Most local municipalities and counties have “nuisance ordinances,” which are regulations that protect the public from potentially unsafe, noxious, or

unreasonable activities that negatively impact the community. Common nuisances include weeds, inoperable vehicles, junk, trash, and noise. If you think you have a nuisance problem in your neighborhood, call your city or county code enforcement officer to file a complaint.

Whom do I call to get rid of a car that no longer works?

Under many local nuisance ordinances, it is unlawful to keep any motor vehicle on your property that is abandoned, dismantled or not in operating condition. Check with your local wrecking company to find out how to dispose of your own inoperable vehicle.

14A Abandoned Cars/ Inoperable Vehicles

**Alamogordo Community
Development**
1376 E. 9th Street
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 439-4235
Fax: (575) 439-4343

Cloudcroft Code Enforcement
201 Burro Avenue
Cloudcroft, NM 88317
Phone: (575) 682-2411
Fax: (575) 682-2042

Elephant Butte Code Enforcement
103 Water Street
Elephant Butte, NM 87935
Phone: (575) 744-4892
Fax: (575) 744-4493

Mescalero Environmental Health
101 Central
Mescalero, NM 88340
Phone: (575) 464-8785
Fax: (575) 464-9257

Otero County Sheriff's Department
3208 North White Sands Blvd
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 437-2210
Fax: (575) 443-2937

Sierra County Sheriff's Office

311 North Date Street
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-9150
Fax: (575) 894-7938

T or C Code Enforcement

505 Simms
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-6673
Fax: (575) 894-7767

Tularosa Code Enforcement

705 St. Francis Drive
Tularosa, NM 88352
Phone: (575) 585-2571
Fax: (575) 585-2754

Williamsburg Public Safety

309 Veater / P.O. Box 150
Williamsburg, NM 87942
Phone: (575) 894-6385
Fax: (575) 894-0466

14B Illegal Dumping

See 23B Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling

14C Junk

See contacts for 14A Abandoned Cars/
Inoperable Vehicles

14D Light Pollution

The Night Sky Protection Act regulates outdoor night lighting fixtures to preserve and enhance the state's dark sky while promoting safety, conserving energy and preserving the environment. Municipalities with local light pollution codes include:

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Cloudcroft City Government

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Cloudcroft, NM 88317
Phone: (575) 682-2411
Fax: (575) 682-2042

Elephant Butte Code Enforcement

103 Water Street
Elephant Butte, NM 87935
Phone: (575) 744-4892
Fax: (575) 744-4493

14E Noise

See contacts for 14A Abandoned Cars/
Inoperable Vehicles

14F Odors

See contacts for 14A Abandoned Cars/
Inoperable Vehicles

14G Rodents

See contacts for 3D Feral Animals

14H Weeds

See contacts for 14A Abandoned Cars/
Inoperable Vehicles

15. Pesticides**15A Agricultural Pesticide
Use/Regulation****NMDA Bureau of Pesticide
Management**

3190 S. Espina
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005
Phone: (575) 646-2133
Fax (575) 646-5977
<http://nmdaweb.nmsu.edu>

15B Crop Dusters

NMDA Bureau of Pesticide Management
3190 South Espina
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005
Phone (575) 646-2133
Fax (575) 646-5977
<http://nmda.nmsu.edu>

15C Disposal of Household Pesticides

See 23B Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling

15D Farm Worker Exposure

See 1D Agriculture, Farm Workers

16. Poisoning

University of New Mexico New Mexico Poison Center
MSC09 5080
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001
Phone: (505) 272-4261
Fax (505) 272-5892
Emergency Line: 1-800-222-1222
hsc.unm.edu/pharmacy/poison

17. Public Health Offices

Otero Public Health Office
1207 8th Street.
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 437-9340
Fax: (575) 434-6629
<http://www.health.state.nm.us/>

Sierra Public Health Office
201 E. 4th
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-2716
Fax: (575) 894-3478
<http://www.health.state.nm.us/>

Tularosa Public Health Office
404 Fresno
Tularosa, NM 88352
Phone: (575) 585-2280
Fax: (575) 585-3010
<http://www.health.state.nm.us/>

18. Radiation

18A After-Hours Emergency

New Mexico Department of Public Safety
(505) 858-3176

18B Radon

NMED Radiation Control Bureau
PO Box 26110
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6110
Phone: (505) 827-1093
Fax: (505) 476-3232
www.nmenv.state.nm.us/nmrbc/radon.html

19. Road Conditions, including Visibility

Road Advisory Hotline
Toll-free: 1-800-432-4269
Fax: (505) 827-3214

20. Septic Tanks, Permitting/Registration

NMED Alamogordo Field Office
1015 Cuba Ave., Bldg A
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 437-7115
Fax: (575) 434-1813
www.nmenv.state.nm.us

21. Spills

Whom do I call if I see a spill?

To report any kind of spill or unauthorized discharge, immediately call the NMED Spill Alert 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-428-6353.

What do I do if I observe unsafe hazardous materials transport?

You should call the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau ((505) 476-6000) and report the date, time, and license information and describe what you saw.

21A Spill Alert Hotline

New Mexico Environment Department

24-hour Emergency Hotline: (505) 827-9329

For non-emergencies: call 24-hour voice mail at 1-866-428-6353

For non-emergencies: call NMED staff during normal business hours at (505) 428-2500.

21B Hazardous Materials Spills

NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau

2905 Rodeo Park Drive E., Bldg. 1

Santa Fe, NM 87505-6303

Phone: (505) 476-6000

Fax: (505) 476-6030

www.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwb/index.htm

21C Spill Clean Up

Holloman Air Force Base

Environmental Flight

Environmental Restoration Program

Holloman AFB, NM 88330

Phone: (575) 572-7383

Fax: (575) 572-3650

www.holloman.af.mil

22. Vector Control

How can I protect myself and my family from West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne diseases?

The West Nile Virus is spread by the bite of a mosquito, which carries the virus from infected birds. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. Mosquitoes breed in standing water. You should call your local vector control or public works department to report standing water on public property. You can prevent mosquito bites by wearing long sleeves, pants and socks, using mosquito repellent, and avoiding peak mosquito hours from dusk to dawn. You should also mosquito-proof your home by draining standing water and installing or repairing screens on doors and windows.

22A Dengue Fever & West Nile Virus

To report standing water and/or the presence of mosquitoes:

Alamogordo Public Works

2910 N. Florida Avenue,

Alamogordo, NM 88310

Phone: (575) 439-4330

Fax: (575) 439-4240

Mescalero Environmental Health

101 Central

Mescalero, NM 88340

Phone: (575) 464-8785

Fax: (575) 464-8777

T or C Facilities and Maintenance

505 Simms

T or C, NM 87901

Phone: (575) 894-6673

Fax: (575) 894-7767

22B Hantavirus

**NMDOH Environmental Health
Epidemiology Bureau**
1190 St. Francis Dr. N1320
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Toll-free: 1-800-879-3421
Fax: (505) 827-0013
www.health.state.nm.us

23. Waste Disposal

23A Illegal Dumping

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Alamogordo, NM 88310
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Fax: (575) 439-4343

Otero County Sheriff's Department
3208 North White Sands Blvd
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 437-2210
Fax: (575) 443-2937

Sierra County Sheriff's Office
311 North Date Street
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-9150
Fax: (575) 894-7938

23B Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling

This category includes household hazardous waste, oil, and tires.

Mescalero Utility Department
208 Chiricahua Plaza
Mescalero, NM 88340
Phone: (575) 464-4311
Fax: (575) 464-4314

New Mexico Waste Services
Sierra County
1-877-287-7148

Otero County Solid Waste Dep't
33 Gravel Pit Road
La Luz, NM 88337
Phone: (575) 434-1538
[http://co.otero.nm.us/
ConvenienceCenter/sldwaste.htm](http://co.otero.nm.us/ConvenienceCenter/sldwaste.htm)

**Otero-Lincoln County Regional
Landfill**
4258 US Highway 54 South
Phone: (575) 439-4355

Sierra County Main Landfill
100 North Date Street
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-6881
Fax: (575) 894-0525

T or C Sanitation Department
505 Simms
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-693921. Water

24. Water

Whom do I call if I think my well may be contaminated?

Call your local NMED office for free testing of your well for fluoride, nitrate and iron concentrations. Visit www.nmenv.state.nm.us/fod/LiquidWaste/well.testing.html for a copy of the Well Test Form and the procedure you should follow.

How do I find out if my drinking water is safe?

Call your water provider for a copy of its annual drinking water report that describes where your drinking water comes from and results of water quality testing. You can also view reports on-line at: www.epa.gov/safewater/dwinfo.htm or call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 1-800-426-4791

24A Drinking Water Safety

Alamogordo Water Department

2600 North Florida Avenue
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 439-4330
Fax: (575) 439-4270

Cloudcroft Utilities Department

201 Burro Avenue
Cloudcroft, NM 88317
Phone: (575) 682-2411
Fax: (575) 682-2042

Elephant Butte Water Department

(575) 744-5423

Holloman Air Force Base Bioenvironmental Engineering

280 First St.
Holloman Air Force Base, NM 88330
Phone: (575) 572-7938
www.holloman.af.mil

Mescalero Utility Department

208 Chiricahua Plaza
Mescalero, NM 88340
Phone: (575) 464-4311
Fax: (575) 464-4314

Truth or Consequences Water Department

505 Simms
T or C, NM 87901
Phone: (575) 894-2469
Fax: (575) 894-0569

Tularosa Water Treatment

705 St. Francis Dr.
Tularosa, NM 88352
Phone: (575) 585-3304
Fax: (575) 585-2754

NMED Drinking Water Bureau

525 Camino de Los Marquez, Ste. 4
Santa Fe, NM 87505
Phone: (505) 476-8620
Toll free: 1-877-654-8720
Fax: (505) 476-8656

24B Regulation of Use of Surface or Ground Water

Office of the State Engineer

1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J
Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598
Phone: (575) 524-6330
Fax: (575) 524-6032

<http://www.seo.state.nm.us/index.html>

24C Ground Water Quality

NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau

P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469
Phone: (505) 827-2900
Fax: (505) 827-2965

[www.nmenv.state.nm.us/gwb/
gwqbhome.html](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/gwb/gwqbhome.html)

24D Surface Water Quality

NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau District III Office

1170 North Solano Drive, Suite M
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Phone: (575) 524-6300
Fax: (575) 526-3891

[www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/
index.html](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/index.html)

24E Testing

For microbial and chemical testing:

NMSU Soil, Water, Air Testing Laboratory (SWAT)

Box 30003, MSC 3Q
Las Cruces, NM 88003
Phone: (575) 646-4422
Fax: (575) 646-5185

<http://swatlab.nmsu.edu>

For fluoride, iron and nitrate testing:

NMED Alamogordo Field Office

1015 Cuba Ave., Bldg A
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone: (575) 437-7115
Fax: (575) 434-1813

www.nmenv.state.nm.us

For drinking water, wastewater, and inorganic chemical testing:

Diagnostic & Technology Center, Inc.
2420B North White Sands Blvd.
Alamogordo, NM
Phone: (575) 434-4944
Fax: (575) 434-4177
www.diagtech.org

25. Wildlife

25A Depredation/Nuisance

For non-protected species such as skunks, squirrels or coyotes:

USDA Wildlife Services
505 South Main Street, Suite 401
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Phone: (575) 527-6980

For protected species, such as deer, javelina, bears, bobcats, elk, and beavers.

NM Department of Game and Fish
One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507
Phone: (505) 476-8000
<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/>

25B Sport Fish Contamination (Mercury)

NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau
1190 St. Francis Dr. Suite N2050
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Phone: (505) 827-0187
Fax: (505) 827-0160
www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb

Web Resources

Public Interest Environmental Health Organizations

Gila Resources Information Project
www.gilaresources.info

NM Environmental Law Center
www.nmenvirolaw.org

Southwest Environmental Center
www.wildmesquite.org

Southwest Research and Information Center
www.sric.org

Climate Change

Environmental Defense Fund www.edf.org

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/climatechange/

Union of Concerned Scientists www.ucsusa.org/global_warming/

Climate Change - New Mexico

New Mexico Climate Change Initiatives
www.nmenv.state.nm.us/cc/

New Mexico Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy
www.cfcae.org

New Mexico Physicians for Social Responsibility
www.nmcsr.org

Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter
<http://riogrande.sierraclub.org/>

Viva Verde Guide
www.vivaverdenm.com

Environmental Health

Community and Environmental Health Resource Center

www.cehrc.or

Pesticide Action Network

www.pesticideinfo.org

NM Department of Health

County Health Reports

www.health.state.nm.us/

community.html

Southern Area Health Education

Center

www.soahec-nm.org

New Mexico Department of Health/

Office of Border Health

www.nmborderhealth.org

NMDOH Environmental Health

Epidemiology Bureau

www.health.state.nm.us/eheb/index.html

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.gov

Solid Waste/Recycling

Global Recycling Network

www.grn.com

Keep New Mexico Beautiful

www.knmb.org

New Mexico Recycling Coalition

www.nmrecycle.org

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