



CLEAR HORIZONS  
NEW MEXICO

# BUILDING ON YEARS OF NEW MEXICO LEADERSHIP

WHAT THE CLEAR HORIZONS ACT DOES

## >>> CODIFIES NEW MEXICO'S GOALS INTO LAW

*Moves existing commitments from executive order to durable statute*

- Sets clear pollution reduction targets:  
**45% by 2030 | 75% by 2040 |  
Net-zero by 2050**
- Ensures continuity and stability regardless of politics.
- Supports communities and businesses with the confidence to plan and invest long-term.



## >>> HOLDS MAJOR POLLUTERS ACCOUNTABLE — NOT FAMILIES

*Streamlines the law to apply only where it matters most.*

- Applies only to **major emission sources** (over 10,000 metric tons annually).
- Still covers about 97% of statewide pollution emitters needed to meet 2050 goals.
- Exempts households, small businesses, and nearly all agriculture.

## The Cost of Inaction

# \$3.3 BILLION

New Mexico faces billions in annual climate-related losses by 2040 – equal to roughly one third of the state's current budget.<sup>1</sup>

## >>> A STREAMLINED FRAMEWORK FOR LONG TERM INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION

- Directs the Environment Improvement Board (EIB) to adopt a statewide plan and rules.
- Allows reductions through direct cuts or certified, voluntary projects (e.g., soil health, agriculture, carbon capture), including projects on tribal lands.
- Requires monitoring, reporting, and public transparency, with flexibility to account for existing laws and actions already taken by industry.

**New Mexico, it is time we solidify our leadership, plan ahead, and commit to a clear future – or keep paying more later.**

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# WHY THE CLEAR HORIZONS ACT WORKS FOR NEW MEXICO

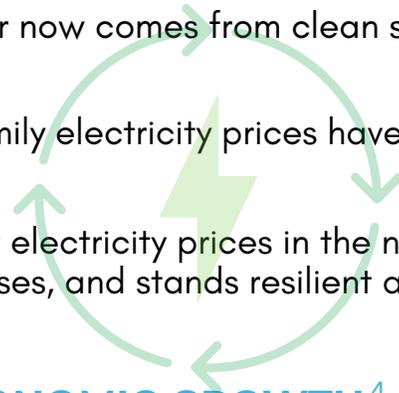
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New Mexico has already made incredible progress cutting pollution and expanding clean energy. The Clear Horizons Act locks in that progress.

## Why this works for New Mexico

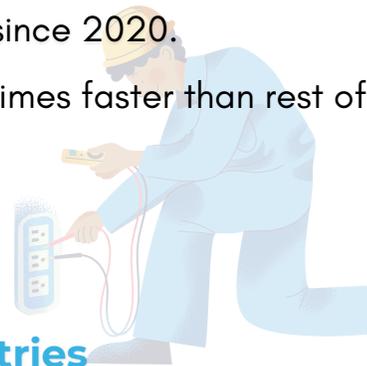
### >>> CLEAN ENERGY IS LOWERING ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR FAMILIES

- 50% and growing of New Mexico's power now comes from clean sources (wind and solar).<sup>2</sup>
- As clean energy generation expands, family electricity prices have fallen 7-8% (inflation adjusted).<sup>3</sup>
- New Mexico now has some of the lowest electricity prices in the nation, helping households cover monthly expenses, and stands resilient against price volatility.



### >>> SUPPORTS DIVERSE, STATEWIDE ECONOMIC GROWTH<sup>4</sup>

- Clean energy employment has grown 27% since 2020.
- Adding 7.7% job growth in 2024 alone (15 times faster than rest of the economy).
- Employs 30,500 New Mexicans.
- 32% located in rural counties.



### >>> Responsible Growth in Emerging Industries

- Energy-intensive industries are coming to New Mexico.
- Clear Horizons ensures growth happens with planning, accountability, and clean energy integration.
- Prevents costs from being shifted onto families and small businesses.
- Encourages responsible investment that strengthens, not strains, communities.

The **Clear Horizons Act** is responsible, commonsense stewardship. It lowers costs for families, strengthens local economies, reduces pollution, and gives New Mexico a clear, stable path to a healthier, more affordable future.

1) Robert Repetto, "New Mexico's Rising Economic Risks From Climate Change", Demos, 2012.

2) 2024, U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

3) U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA); CPI-U adjusted

4) E2. (2025). Clean jobs New Mexico 2025 (data from BW Research Partnership & U.S. Department of Energy, 2024 U.S. Energy and Employment Report).