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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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**Help Wanted: Environment Department seeks more than 30 new employees to protect New Mexico workers**

*Department is hosting rapid hire event to immediately fill vacancies*

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is hiring more than 30 people to staff its Occupational Safety and Health program – often referred to as “OSHA.” The Department is hosting rapid-hire events in Santa Fe and Albuquerque to quickly select motivated and qualified candidates who want to help protect New Mexico workers and hold employers accountable. The rapid-hire events will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Las Cruces on October 20, 2021; Albuquerque on October 21, 2021; and in Santa Fe on October 22, 2021. All event attendees must follow COVID-19 safe practices, including physical distancing and masking.

The Environment Department’s OSHA program ensures all employees in New Mexico have a safe and healthy place to work. From your neighborhood dry cleaner to oil and gas facilities – employers must ensure employees have safe working conditions. This includes protecting employees from falls, electrocution, amputations, burns, chemical exposure and many other dangers in the workplace. Sadly, some of those employees become seriously ill, are injured or die on the job. The spread of COVID-19 in workplaces is the most recently emerging hazard impacting employee health. Numerous employees across New Mexico have become ill or died after being infected at work.

Approximately half of positions we are seeking to fill will work on preventing and responding to workplace accidents. These new positions include worksite inspectors, compliance assistance specialists, operations staff, and COVID-19 response staff. The remainder of the positions we are seeking to fill will work alongside the New Mexico Department of Health to help keep businesses open and employees safe when COVID-19 is detected in the workplace. This includes ensuring employers adhere to state and federal rules, policies, and practices.

“The Environment Department is a family-friendly workplace, offering flexible schedules, telework options, and other benefits to its employees,” said Cabinet Secretary James Kenney. “If you like a fast-paced work environment where innovation and collaboration are rewarded – then please join our OSHA team and help us keep New Mexican safe at work.”

The events will take place at New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (DWS) district offices in Las Cruces on October 20, 2021; Albuquerque on October 21, 2021; and Santa Fe on October 22, 2021.

- Albuquerque District Office: 501 Mountain Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87102
- Las Cruces District Office: 226 South Alameda Blvd., Las Cruces, NM, 88005
- Santa Fe District Office: 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, NM 87505

Find out more about our OSHA program [here](#).

Learn more about our OSHA program's COVID-19 efforts [here](#).

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