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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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NMED Hosts Six Public Meetings Statewide to Discuss \$18M in Volkswagen Settlement Funds

*Public Meetings August 14 – 24, 2017 in
Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Gallup, Farmington, Las Cruces, and Roswell*

Santa Fe – From August 14, 2017 through August 24, 2017 the New Mexico Environment Department will conduct public outreach meetings on the \$18M Volkswagen settlement funds in Santa Fe (8/14), Las Cruces (8/16), Roswell (8/17), Albuquerque (8/21), Farmington (8/23), and Gallup (8/24). At these meetings, representatives of the Environment Department will provide more details on the VW settlement and solicit public input.

The New Mexico Environment Department will guide the creation of New Mexico's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP) and with public input will determine how the funds will be distributed across various future projects to reduce the level of nitrogen oxide and bring environmental benefits.

To receive email alerts about dates for the public outreach meetings and information related to the New Mexico Beneficiary Mitigation Plan which is in development, please visit the Environment Department's VW Settlement website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/vw-settlement/> and subscribe to for the VW Settlement Listserv by following the "Subscribe to VW Settlement Updates" link on that page.

Recent information about the VW settlement can be found at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/170724PR-VWSettlement.pdf>

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NMED's VW Settlement Public Meeting Schedule: 8/14/17 – 8/24/17

Monday, August 14, 2017

5:30-7 p.m.

Santa Fe Public Library, Southside Branch

6599 Jaguar Dr, Santa Fe, NM 87507

Phone: 505-955-2820

Monday, August 21, 2017

5:30-7 p.m.

New Mexico Environment Department-D1 Office

121 Tijeras Ave. NE, #1000, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Phone: 505-222-9500

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thomas Branigan Library

200 E. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88001

Phone: (575) 528-4000

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

6-7:30 p.m.

San Juan College School of Energy

Merrion Room A & B

5301 College Blvd, Farmington, NM 87402

Thursday, August 17, 2017

12 noon-1:30 p.m.

Roswell Public Library

301 N Pennsylvania Ave, Roswell, NM 88201

Phone: 575-622-7101

Thursday, August 24, 2017

12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.

Octavia Fellin Public Library

115 West Hill Ave., Gallup, NM 87301

(505) 863-1291 Ext. 14016

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<https://www.env.nm.gov/vw-settlement/> #NM, #NMED #CleanAir

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