

# Greenhouse Gases Emission Petition – *Fact Sheet*

## **Background**

- The Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) is now considering a petition to implement a cap on greenhouse gas emissions in New Mexico only.
- The EIB is a seven-member board appointed by the Governor. The petition the EIB is considering has been put forth by a non-profit group called “New Energy Economy.”
- If approved by EIB, the petition would limit or “cap” statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 25 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2020 – a more aggressive goal than anything considered at the federal level.
- The cap would apply to all New Mexico entities that require an air permit from the New Mexico Environment Department including oil and gas producers, refineries, manufacturers such as Intel, cement and asphalt plants, power plants, universities, military bases, mineral processing operations, and numerous others.
  - The cap would limit how these sources can operate.
  - The cap would place the state at an economic disadvantage with other states.
  - The cap creates an incentive for industries, jobs and dollars to leave the state.
- No study has been performed of the economic impact of the petition.
- The cap would make no impact on the amount of overall greenhouse gases.

## **The Solution**

- We can achieve our environmental goals with federal legislation that has realistic time frames and targets for the development and deployment of technology to help meet the challenge of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, while ensuring our energy is as clean and affordable as possible.
- The biggest mistake we can make is to attempt to implement a patchwork quilt of state solutions before the United States Congress can implement a uniform, federal program.
- Enacting any number of conflicting state and regional programs does harm to both our country and the world.
- By focusing on such programs, there is a strong chance the state/regional mandates will conflict with future federal mandates, in essence double taxing states where local mandates reside.

## **Take Action**

### **1. Deliver your point of view in person.**

EIB will have a public comment session on March 1, 2010 in Santa Fe:

**March 1, 2010**

**10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**NM Regulation and Licensing Department**

**Toney Anaya Building, Rio Grande Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

**2550 Cerrillos Road**

**Santa Fe, NM 87505**

### **2. Write comments to the EIB.**

Written comments need to refer to EIB case number: **8-19(R)**. Written comments are needed before March 1, 2010 and can be sent to the EIB administrator at the following address:

**New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board**

**Attn: Joyce Medina, Board Administrator**

**1190 St. Francis Drive N2153**

**Santa Fe, NM 87502**

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