



2010 Annual Report



ENVIRONMENT
NEW MEXICO

Clean Air. Clean Water. Open Spaces.



From our staff



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Dear Environment New Mexico members,

I was drawn to New Mexico for the same reasons that have brought so many residents here: the vast blue sky, the friendly people, the fabulous food—and of course, the breathtaking landscape. But I didn't expect New Mexico to captivate me as much as it has.

While I have worked on environmental issues in states such as Georgia and Vermont, my experience in New Mexico has been especially rewarding. New Mexicans have strong ties to the land, a deep understanding of the value of water, and a true appreciation for those amazing blue skies, all of which create a passion for protecting our environment—and all of which make what Environment New Mexico does possible and meaningful.

This year, we worked to reduce energy-related pollution and save New Mexicans money on our utility bills by making homes more energy-efficient. We fought to restore protections to our waterways and win new protections for some of our region's most beloved places. And we helped pave the way for cleaner cars across the country.

I am thrilled to be working alongside such great supporters of our environment, and I look forward to continuing our partnership to protect and preserve the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the places and values that define New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Sanders Moore
Advocate
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Clean energy

New N.M. homes to grow more energy-efficient

New homes in New Mexico will be more energy-efficient starting in 2011, thanks to new building codes adopted in part due to our research and advocacy. The new standards, which will increase the energy-efficiency of a typical new home by 20 percent, are helping New Mexico become a leader in residential energy efficiency.

After Advocate Sanders Moore submitted public comments to the state Construction Industries Commission and we organized hundreds of our members to e-mail their support, the commission embraced strong new rules for household efficiency as part of the 2009 New Mexico Energy Conservation Code. Not only will this victory cut pollution, it will make it easier and cheaper for New Mexico homes to switch to solar power by reducing how much electricity they need—part of our vision for repowering New Mexico with clean energy.



Cutting energy use is key to making going solar affordable for New Mexicans.



Our water, our future

Action taken to protect our drinking water

In the wake of two Supreme Court decisions that left New Mexico's drinking water more vulnerable to polluters, Environment New Mexico and our allies took action to convince government officials to close new loopholes and protect our limited water supplies. As the year drew to a close, new Senate legislation and proposed EPA rules moved us in the right direction—but we have a long way to go.

The court decisions called into question whether the Clean Water Act protects the small streams that flow into the Rio Grande and other major rivers. Since these rivers supply 200,000 New Mexicans with their drinking water, allowing polluters to dump their wastes upstream could have disastrous consequences, especially as our population continues to boom and water supplies grow even more precious.



The drinking water for 200,000 New Mexicans is at risk of increased pollution.

Senate bill would restore lost protections

Between now and 2040, our demand for water will double. With a growing population putting more pressure on already-scarce water supplies, we determined that stopping polluting industries and developers from exploiting the new legal loopholes had to be a top priority.

To document the problem, our staff released a report, entitled "Courting Disaster," which also highlights the steps we need to take to protect our drinking water. This past summer, our citizen outreach team went door to door in communities across New Mexico, organizing thousands of people to call on our congressional delegation to restore Clean Water Act protections to all of our waterways.

Our efforts began to pay off when a bill was introduced in the Senate that would restore the Clean Water Act's original meaning and scope.

EPA moved to close enforcement loopholes

Later, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson announced a draft proposal to strengthen her agency's enforcement of the Clean Water Act. We joined the other members of our national federation, Environment America, in helping to rally the public to support the policy as the agency invited public comments on it.

In the months to come, Environment New Mexico will continue to work with our allies to encourage our members of Congress and the EPA to restore Clean Water Act protections—so we can keep our increasingly precious drinking water supplies safe from polluters.



Clean cars

New standards to save 12 billion gallons of oil

New Clean Cars standards will cut our oil dependence by 11.6 billion gallons of oil by 2016, an amount equal to half of the oil we import from Saudi Arabia each year. The new auto emission and gas mileage rules were based on similar standards backed by Environment New Mexico and adopted by state officials in 2007.

The Obama administration's plan will also result in a global warming pollution cut equivalent to removing 21.4 million of today's vehicles from the road. In New Mexico alone, we estimate the Clean Cars standards will save residents \$210 million at the pump per year by 2016, and cut 700,000 metric tons of pollution.



Research

States pave the way for national Clean Cars Program

With roughly half of the oil consumed in the United States going into the gas tanks of our cars and trucks, the Obama administration's Clean Cars Program is poised to make a major impact on America's oil dependence—which is great news for our environment, our economy and our nation's security.

Yet while the administration deserves credit, so do a set of state government officials and state-based environmental advocates, including Environment New Mexico. The new standards are based on rules created in California and eventually adopted by New Mexico, at our urging, and 12 other states. The results include:

- A reduction in gasoline consumption by as much as 11.6 billion gallons per year in 2016—nearly as much as is consumed by all the vehicles in Texas in a year and equal to half the oil we import from Saudi Arabia annually.
- Savings for consumers of up to \$31.8 billion annually at the pump in 2016.
- A reduction in global warming pollution from vehicles by 108 million metric tons per year in 2016—as much global warming pollution as is produced each year by 28 500-megawatt coal-fired power plants or by 21.4 million of today's vehicles.

The administration is considering a new set of rules for 2016-2022. We're advocating that the government gradually raise the standards so new cars and trucks average 60 miles per gallon by 2030.



Preservation

Thousands call to protect our great outdoors

Our national parks are threatened by industrial pollution, development or neglect. In 2010, we helped rally the public to join our call on the government to better protect our parks, including Grand Canyon National Park. Just beyond the Grand Canyon’s borders, mining companies have staked claims to dig for uranium. The cyanide and other toxic chemicals that the companies use to separate ore from rock could easily run off into the streams that feed the Colorado River and the trails and wild lands that surround it. The Obama administration has issued a temporary ban on new mining claims near the canyon. We’re urging the administration to make the ban permanent.

This past summer, hundreds of Environment New Mexico members joined us in urging the administration to take stronger action to protect the Grand Canyon. The issue is currently being considered by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar.



We worked to protect special places like Carson National Forest.



Solar energy

Here comes the sun

New policies advanced by our advocates and activists across the country could result in more than four gigawatts of new solar power by 2020—more than five times the amount generated today.

Our research has shown that New Mexico residents would save an average of \$337 per year, and 4,300 sustainable jobs would be created in the state over the next 10 years as a result of the inclusion of strong energy efficiency and renewable energy measures in the American Clean Energy and Security Act—which passed through the House of Representatives, but has yet to move forward in the Senate.

“We’re ready to make solar power the centerpiece of New Mexico’s new clean energy economy,” said Senior Policy Analyst Rob Sargent. “If we can make it easier for more people to go solar now, we’ll reap the benefits for decades to come.”



New Mexico can lead the way by tapping our incredible solar energy potential.



Environment New Mexico Supporters

Citizen support is the cornerstone of Environment New Mexico. Thousands of New Mexico citizens supported Environment New Mexico and the Environment New Mexico Research & Policy Center by making membership contributions in Fiscal Year 2010.

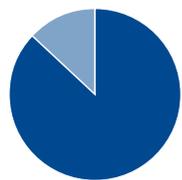
Foundation support

The Environment New Mexico Research & Policy Center is a 501(c)(3) organization, and conducts research and public education on emerging environmental issues. Contributions to the Environment New Mexico Research & Policy Center are tax-deductible. To find out more, contact Sanders Moore at (505) 254-4819. The Environment New Mexico Research & Policy Center would like to thank the Energy Foundation for supporting our work in 2010.

Financial Information

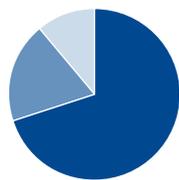
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FY10 Income



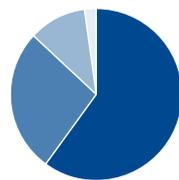
◆ Citizen Contributions **87%**
◆ Foundation Grants **13%**

FY10 Expenses



◆ Program **70%**
◆ Fundraising **19%**
◆ Administrative **11%**

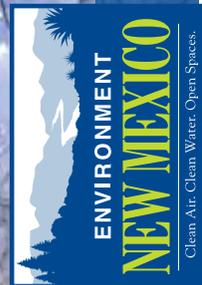
FY10 Programs



◆ Repower America **60%**
◆ Clean Water **27%**
◆ Global Warming Solutions **11%**
◆ Preserving New Mexico **2%**

Building a greener future

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