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Dear Permit Holder,

On August 24, 2018 the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will have a hearing before the Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) to update the New Mexico Food Service and Food Processing Regulations (food regulations). The purpose of the change is to stay up-to-date with the most recent national model code, food science, and to address stakeholder feedback received following the update of the food regulations in March 2016.

In preparation for the upcoming food regulation change, NMED will be holding five public meeting around the state and will have information and resources relating to the proposed changes available on the Food Program website. The purpose of both is to allow you, as the Permit Holder, to understand the proposed changes and to provide a method to offer feedback to NMED before the proposal is presented before the EIB in August. Below is the schedule of events and dates for your information:

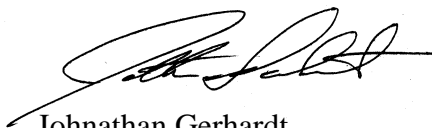
Date(s)	Activity	Venue / Location	Time	Language service
<b>July 6, 2018</b>	Posting information/resources on Food Program website	<a href="http://www.env.nm.gov/foodprogram">www.env.nm.gov/foodprogram</a>	12:00pm	English
<b>July 16, 2018</b>	Public Information Meeting #1	Las Cruces NM State University 940 College Drive Gerald Thomas Hall, Rm. 104 Las Cruces, NM 88003 Free Parking: Lots 3, 4, & 103 Metered Parking: Lot 64	2:00-3:30p.m.	English; Spanish translation
<b>July 17, 2018</b>	Public Information meeting #2	Roswell Pioneer Bank 3000 N Main St. Roswell, NM 88201	2:00-3:30pm	English; Spanish translation
<b>July 18, 2018</b>	Public information meeting #3	Santa Fe Harold Runnels Auditorium 1190 S. St. Francis Santa Fe, NM 87505	2:00-3:30pm	English; Spanish translation

<b>July 19, 2018</b>	Public Information meeting #4	Albuquerque NMED District 1 Office 121 Tijeras Ave, Suite 1000 Albuquerque, NM 87102	2:00-3:30pm	English; Spanish translation
<b>July 23, 2018</b>	Public Information Meeting #5	Farmington Council Chambers 800 Municipal Dr. Farmington, NM 87401	2:00-3:30pm	English; Spanish translation
<b>July 27, 2018</b>	Deadline to submit comments to NMED	<a href="http://www.env.nm.gov/foodprogram">www.env.nm.gov/foodprogram</a>	5:00pm	English/Spanish
<b>August 24, 2018</b>	Hearing before the EIB to adopt new regulations	State Capitol Room and time TBD. Will be posted on Food Program website when available.	TBD	English
<b>Nov – Dec 2018</b>	Regulations effective date	Notification of changes and effective date via Food Program website and Permit Holder letter from NMED.	On/before September 15, 2018	English

NMED looks forward to continuing our partnership to further promote consistency in regulations and protection of public health for residents and guests in New Mexico.

If you have further questions, please contact the Food Program at [food.program@sate.nm.us](mailto:food.program@sate.nm.us) or (505) 222-9515.

Sincerely,



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