

Advanced Clean Vehicle Standard November Guide Sheet

Logistical Details

What? Advanced Clean Vehicle Standards, join hearings with Environmental Improvement Board and Albuquerque Bernalillo Air Quality Board

Where? NM State Bar 521 Masthead St. NE, ABQ 87109 AND virtually

When? Nov 13th-15th

How long? 3 minutes are allotted for public comment

Accessibility? Spanish language interpretation will be available

In-person AND virtual public comment opportunities are as follows:

- Nov. 13 from noon-1pm
- Nov. 13 from 5-6 pm
- Nov. 14 from 9-10 am
- Nov. 14 from 1-2 pm

If you wish to give public comment either in person or virtually, please email clara@nm-ipl.org with your name, email, and the time slot(s) during which you want to speak. Please also indicate whether you plan to do so in-person or online.

As always, the time slots given at these hearings are approximate, but we have been told the hearing officer will try to keep to the schedule as much as possible. In the instance that too many people have signed up for one particular spot

Written public comment can be submitted [here](#). The sooner the better for sending in written comment, in order to ensure that it is considered by the EIB and ABAQB boards.

We recommend submitting written comments on or by November 13th. However, written comments will be accepted until November 15th.

Sign-up for virtual public comment: as soon as the Webex registration and link are made available by NMED, we will share that information.

Content Guidance

We held a webinar on October 11th with experts working on the advanced clean vehicle standards. **You can access a recording of the Clean Vehicle Webinar [here](#).** New

Mexico Health Professional for Climate Action (NMPCA) gave a presentation on public health impacts and you can access NMPCA's wonderful PowerPoint Presentation [here](#). The purpose of the webinar was to help prep folks for public comment, so we hope you will check it out!

Faith Leader Videos: We also asked faith leaders who own EVs to make short videos giving testimony to their choice from a faith perspective, and they are great examples of integrating their faith perspective. You can check out their videos [here](#).

Here are some general ideas of talking points that include a faith perspective and can be adapted and specified:

As always, the more specific you can make your comments to yourself, your faith traditions and contexts, the more powerful!

- *Climate:* Communities of faith and conscience believe we all have a moral and ethical responsibility to do all we can to preserve health and well-being for communities of creation now and to come. These standards would significantly reduce harmful tailpipe pollution, saving lives and making our households and economy less dependent on volatile and costly gasoline that pollutes our climate and compromises the integrity of creation for generations to come. Please act to adopt these standards as one way we can move forward responsibly and equitably with technologies that help us reduce the harms of climate change and pollution for all people in our state.
- *Pollution:* As people of faith we are called to care and advocate for the most vulnerable among us. In New Mexico, low-income, black, brown, and Indigenous communities live closest to transportation routes in New Mexico and bear the largest burden of tailpipe pollution. It is documented that such pollution leads to seriously harmful health outcomes, especially for children. We urge you to stand for equity and justice by adopting these standards in full, helping us move forward on the many climate and environmental justice goals we hold in our state.
- *Mining and EJ Concerns:* These concerns are real and as communities of faith and conscience we must work simultaneously on mining and supply chain reform to ensure that extractive harms are not simply reproduced. At the same time, mining concerns are most often raised by the very industries, like oil and gas, continuing to bring extractive harms to our communities. We must move forward with responsibility and integrity in our conversations and choices, working so that our energy sources are truly more equitable, just, and climate responsible for all communities.

Here are some affordability facts:

- Uplift the availability of federal tax credits which can reduce the cost of an EV by up to \$7,500 and make zero-emission vehicles more accessible. Driving on electricity also provides cost stability and savings households can bank on. [Consumer Reports](#) found that when the national average gas price spiked to around [\\$4.30/gallon](#) in 2022 with electricity prices at about [\\$0.14/kWh](#), EV owners could save between \$1,800 and \$2,600 in operating and maintenance costs for every 15,000 miles they drive (the average distance newer vehicles are driven in a year in the U.S.), compared to drivers of gas-powered vehicles.

Here is my sample public comment (timed to 3 minutes):

Hello, my name is Clara Sims and I am from Los Lunas, New Mexico. As a faith leader working with New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light as well as First Congregational United Church of Christ, I am very concerned that we do all we can to act on climate and pollution in our state. Not only are communities of color, indigenous communities and low-income communities already the most impacted by road pollution, they will continue to be the communities most adversely impacted by climate change if we do not do all we can to curb our collective carbon emissions. We all felt the record-breaking heat this summer and know there is no time to delay in acting on climate in every sector including transportation. Many of us see the smog in Albuquerque, I do every morning as I commute to Albuquerque from Los Lunas. Typically, when I see this it makes me disheartened, but lately it has made me hopeful because as someone raised here, for the first time in my life I know that deliberate actions are being proposed to make our air cleaner. And for the first time in my life, I can imagine a future where our unrivaled blue skies are no longer diminished by smog and our children – my children, I hope – don't ever have to think about breathing in harmful air.

My faith tradition names humankind as stewards of creation – temporary caretakers of gifts we did not earn or make; caretakers who are called first and foremost to protect the vulnerable. Our current climate crisis and economy continue to multiply the most vulnerable and this trend will only continue if we do not act NOW. The powerful and the wealthy are already moving the needle toward electrification of our transportation system and there is no good reason we should not do everything to make the transformation of our transportation system as swift, affordable and accessible for all New Mexicans as we can.

I want to thank the New Mexico Environmental Department for bringing forth these rules and I strongly urge the Environmental Improvement Board and Albuquerque Bernalillo

Air Quality Board to Adopt them in full. Not only that, I encourage you to adopt them beyond 2032. If you adopt the full ACC II standards to 100% in 2035, you will give our state a clearer, more certain path forward to a clean transportation future.

I believe as people who love and call this place home that we have a moral responsibility to make choices that benefit the most people and I believe with both my head and my heart that adoption of these standards are an opportunity to make such a choice for the common good. Thank you for your leadership.