



Hemp Manufacturing Act goes into effect August 1

As the enactment date of the emergency rules looms, The New Mexico Environment Department will host a series of informational meetings for people interested in manufacturing, processing and transporting products made from hemp.

The emergency rules will take effect on the same day as the Hemp Manufacturing Act, August 1. It allows for the transportation, warehousing, extraction and manufacture of hemp and hemp-derived products, including food and body products. Enactment of emergency rules will allow hemp processing to get underway as quickly as possible in the state.

Environmental Health Bureau Chief Bill Chavez says, “We encourage those interested in the hemp business in N. M. to come out and learn more about this exciting new industry in our state.”

The Hemp Manufacturing Act was passed by the legislature earlier this year.

The N. M. Department of Agriculture is developing its own regulations to cover the cultivation of hemp plants.

N. M. Environment Department considering hemp rulemaking process

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The meetings are scheduled for:

- 2 pm, July 16 @ UNM, Gerald Thomas Hall Auditorium, 940 College Dr., Las Cruces.
- 2 pm, July 18 @ Harold Runnels Building, O. A. Larrazolo Auditorium, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe.
- 2 pm, July 24 @ African American Pavilion, EXPO New Mexico, 300 San Pedro Dr., NE, Albuquerque.

All meetings will also be livestreamed. More information on the meetings and hemp rulemaking process is available at www.env.nm.gov/hempprogram/.