

# SB 18

# CLEAR HORIZONS ACT

**We all need clean air and a safe environment  
in which to live, work, and thrive.**

## Climate pollution in New Mexico is a public health crisis.

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- Air pollutants, such as methane, nitrous oxide, and carbon dioxide, trap heat and **exacerbate lung & heart disease and heat-related illness.**<sup>1</sup>
- **Asthma rates in New Mexico consistently exceed the U.S. average.**<sup>2</sup> The highest rates are in counties with the most oil and gas operations.<sup>3</sup>
- **More than half of New Mexican children live in counties with dangerous levels of air pollution.**<sup>4</sup>

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## The Clear Horizons Act ensures measurable progress toward a healthier climate future for all New Mexicans.

Through an incremental approach, the bill limits the release of harmful pollution into the air that we all breathe:

- By **2030**, reduce emissions by **45%** compared to 2005 levels
- By **2040**, reduce emissions by **75%** compared to 2005 levels
- By **2050**, reduce emissions by **100%** compared to 2005 levels

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## The Clear Horizons Act only applies to major polluters (over 10,000 metric tons of air pollution per year)

- The Clear Horizons Act does not apply to wood-burning stoves or other household heating.
- **The Clear Horizons Act would not regulate New Mexican homes.**

<sup>1</sup>Particulate matter air pollution: effects on the respiratory system (2025), National Institutes of Health

<sup>2</sup>Most Recent National Asthma Data (2023), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<sup>3</sup>Asthma Prevalence among Adults (2023) NMDOH Asthma Control Program

<sup>4</sup>The State of Children's Environmental Health New Mexico (2025) Children's Environmental Health Network

**Learn more about the health impacts  
of climate pollution at  
[www.HealthyClimateNM.org](http://www.HealthyClimateNM.org)**

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# We're all behind SB 18

✓ Families    ✓ Governor Lujan Grisham    ✓ Doctors

**“The Clear Horizons Act is New Mexico’s investment in our children and for keeping our state a healthy place for generations to come.**

The threats to the livability of our state are real—this is the type of **hopeful, innovative policy change** for ourselves that we need.”

-Paul W. Charlton, MD Founding Board Chair Healthy Climate New Mexico

“In New Mexico, we’ve proven that **clean air, clean water and clean energy** isn’t just **good for the planet – it’s good for workers, good for families...**

So let’s keep going. This year, **I’m asking the legislature to codify our Climate Action Plan**, which would cut climate pollution 45 percent by 2030 and **get us to net-zero emissions – net-zero – by 2050.”**

-Governor Lujan Grisham during State of the State Address January 20, 2026

“From wildfire smoke to extreme heat, **climate pollution is already harming the health of New Mexican families and driving up healthcare costs.**

**The Clear Horizons Act gives our state a clear path** to reduce pollution, protect patients, and prevent avoidable illness – especially for **children, seniors and people with chronic conditions.”**

-Kristin L. Graziano, DO, MPH, Founding Board Director Healthy Climate New Mexico