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Understanding New Mexico's Comprehensive Energy Transition Strategy (CETS)

A roadmap for reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy

The Comprehensive Energy Transition Strategy (CETS) is a new initiative from the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) to create New Mexico's first integrated plan for powering our future. Launched in May 2025, CETS will guide near-, mid-, and long-term decisions to ensure our energy system remains reliable today while preparing for the needs of tomorrow.

This strategy begins with listening to New Mexicans and ensuring communities have a voice in shaping their energy future.

What Is New Mexico's Energy Transition?

New Mexico's "energy transition" is about changing how we produce, move, store and use energy. For decades, most of our energy came from fossil fuels, like coal, oil, and natural gas. These resources have powered our homes, schools, and economy – but burning them also creates pollution and greenhouse gases.

The energy transition is our opportunity to:

- Increase clean and affordable energy
- Adopt new and innovative technologies
- Continue reducing emissions from fossil fuels
- Strengthen economic stability

Why Does the Energy Transition Matter?

- *Protecting out health and environment:* Cleaner energy means cleaner air and fewer greenhouse gas emissions.
- *Saving money over time:* Renewable resources like wind and solar have no fuel costs once built.
- *Creating good jobs:* Solar installation, wind construction, battery manufacturing, grid upgrades, and clean-tech operations create new careers across New Mexico.
- *Supporting strong communities:* Locally-generated clean energy strengthens resilience, reliability, and energy independence.

How Will New Mexico Make This Transition?

CETS brings together multiple strategies to build a stronger energy future:

- Growing clean energy production powered by New Mexico's abundant sun and wind
- Exploring firm, clean power options
- Upgrading and expanding the electric grid
- Expanding EV charging networks
- Improving energy efficiency in homes, schools and businesses
- Strengthening the state's energy and clean tech workforce
- Reducing emissions