



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-049

REQUIRING THE INCREASED USE OF RENEWABLE FUELS IN NEW MEXICO STATE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the United States is now dependent on foreign oil imports for almost 60% of its total requirements, thereby posing a serious threat to the energy security of New Mexico and our nation;

WHEREAS, the transportation sector consumes a significant amount of imported oil;

WHEREAS, the burning of conventional transportation fuels such as gasoline and diesel by motor vehicles contributes to air pollution, health problems and increased carbon emissions that have been linked to global climate change which are addressed in EO-2005-033;

WHEREAS, transportation fuel costs represent a substantial operating expense for state government and New Mexico taxpayers;

WHEREAS, gasoline and diesel fuel prices have reached record levels in recent months and are likely to remain there or increase, exacerbating the adverse impact that high fuel prices have already had on the State's General Fund;

WHEREAS, there are available in ever increasing volumes cleaner-burning, sustainable alternatives to conventional fuels that can be produced domestically;

WHEREAS, renewable transportation fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel are now priced at or below that of gasoline and other conventional fuels;

WHEREAS, clean-burning renewable fuels can play a significant role in positioning New Mexico to be THE Clean Energy State, as delineated in Executive Order 2004-019;

WHEREAS, the increased use of renewable transportation fuels and fuel-efficient vehicles in state government will provide many economic, environmental and other benefits to New Mexicans, including:

- Decreased operating costs for the State transportation fleet, thereby saving taxpayer dollars;
- Stimulating the state's agricultural economy and that of rural communities through greater market demand for energy crops produced in New Mexico, as well as the construction and operation of new or expanded processing facilities used to produce renewable fuels;
- Less tailpipe pollution, resulting in fewer greenhouse gas emissions and improved air quality;
- Reduced reliance on foreign oil, which enhances national security and promotes greater energy independence; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico state government should “lead by example” in using renewable fuels to the maximum extent feasible so as to encourage individuals, businesses and other levels of government to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby order the following:

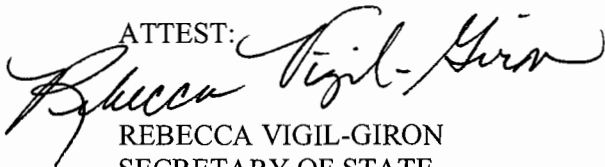
1. All cabinet-level state agencies, public schools (K-12), and institutions of higher education shall take immediate action toward obtaining fifteen percent (15%) of their total transportation fuel requirements from renewable fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel by 2010. All other levels of government—federal, tribal, local—are strongly encouraged to adopt this same goal and move aggressively toward achieving it.
2. All cabinet-level state agencies, public schools (K-12), and institutions of higher education shall comply with the requirements of the Alternative Fuel Acquisition Act, Section 13-1B-1 *et seq.* NMSA 1978, specifically that seventy-five percent (75%) of all vehicles acquired each fiscal year shall be capable of operating on alternative fuels or are gas-electric hybrids. As used in the Act, the term “alternative fuels” includes renewable fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel. All other levels of government—federal, tribal, local—are strongly encouraged to adopt this same goal and move aggressively toward achieving it.
3. The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), with the cooperation and assistance of the General Services Department (GSD), Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Department of Transportation (DOT), shall be responsible for facilitating accomplishment of the 15% renewable fuels goal and full implementation of this Executive Order. The designated “Energy Manager” in each Cabinet-level agency is directed to take whatever steps are necessary to provide assistance in this effort and ensure compliance within your agency.
4. All cabinet-level state agencies shall assess and adjust all of its existing vehicle operations and the allocation and/or assignment of said vehicles consistent with this Order, specifically as follows:
 - a. Develop procedures to allocate and/or assign vehicle usage based on matching maximum fuel economy with intended use. This includes an assessment of “pooling” vehicles within and across departments to maximize the use of fuel-efficient vehicles. For all on-road usage, the available state fleet vehicle with the highest fuel economy shall be used first before using other vehicles.
 - b. Investigate car and vanpooling options for intercity state employee vehicle travel to minimize vehicle miles traveled per department.
5. All cabinet-level state agencies shall assess and adjust new vehicle procurement practices and alternative fuel infrastructure, consistent with existing law and this Order, specifically as follows:
 - a. Procure vehicles, whether alternative fueled or traditionally fueled, that have the highest fuel economy for the intended use. Procurement of smaller, more fuel-efficient four-cylinder light duty truck and four-wheel-

drive vehicles shall be emphasized for cargo hauling and off-road conditions, when appropriate. With appropriate exceptions, all vehicles procured for on-road passenger travel shall meet or exceed federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards for passenger vehicles.

- b. Revise and strengthen procurement procedures to ensure that the state complies with the Alternative Fuel Acquisition Act.
 - c. Develop measures to expand the state's alternative fuel vehicle filling infrastructure.
6. All cabinet-level state agencies shall purchase, as needed, fuel-efficient vehicles and those capable of running on renewable fuels to the maximum extent possible, with due consideration being given to their intended use. GSD shall continue to closely scrutinize proposed vehicle purchases by and on behalf of applicable state agencies to ensure transportation efficiency is given priority attention in all such purchasing decisions.
 6. GSD and DOT shall pursue the bulk purchase of renewable fuels for use in the state transportation fleet so as to better ensure the widespread availability of these fuels at a competitive price.
 7. EMNRD shall report annually to the Governor's Office on progress achieved toward the goals and directives specified in this Executive Order. All cabinet-level agencies shall assist EMNRD in preparing this report and shall provide any information necessary to its successful completion.
 8. Copies of this Executive Order shall be shared with the All-Indian Pueblo Council, Navajo Nation, Jicarilla Apache Tribe, Mescalero Apache Tribe, New Mexico Association of Counties, and New Mexico Municipal League.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

ATTEST:


REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO


BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR

