

EIB 21-27

Day 1 Hearing Summary

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**In the Matter of Proposed New Regulation,
20.2.50 NMAC - Oil and Gas Sector –
Ozone Precursor Pollutants**

The New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) hearing on the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) proposed ozone precursor rule commenced on Monday, September 20.

Day 1 Highlights

- All 14 parties presented opening statements
- Topics covered in witness testimony: NMED stakeholder outreach, ozone monitoring, and air quality planning
- No GCA witness testified today

Looking Ahead to Day 2

- Expected topics: NMED's air dispersion modeling; then several environmental advocacy groups will present their direct testimony regarding the need for the proposed rule.
- After advocacy groups, NMED/parties will start presenting testimony relating to the sections of the proposed rule, including Statutory Authority, Scope, and Definitions.
- The GCA's first witness, Mark Copeland, may present testimony relating to Section 112 and the Equipment Monitoring Tag/Compliance Database Report requirements included in the proposed rule.
- The GCA will have four witnesses present testimony relating to Section 113 and the regulation of engines; however, at the close of Day 1 of the hearing on Monday 9/20, it appeared unlikely that the hearing would reach Section 113 on Tuesday 9/21.