



New Mexico Environment Department

Circular Economy Update

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HB 291 expanded the Recycling and Illegal Dumping (RAID) Act to include "Circular Economy"

01

Circular Economy requirements are added to the Act

The Circular Economy is a system where materials never become waste and nature is regenerated.

02

A Circular Economy Plan (CEP) is required

The RAID Alliance is directed to create a Plan to guide RAID grant program to achieve recycling and illegal dumping goals.

03

RAID Grants can fund more solutions

Broader eligibility and uses replace the former 2/3 tire set-aside.

House 60-2

Senate 38-0

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Changes to RAID Program

The RAID Alliance will use the Circular Economy Plan (CEP) for RAID funding direction.

- 2026 - RAID Grants-elimination of 2/3 of yearly funding to tire projects
- 2026 - Circular Economy Plan finalized
- 2026 - Rename RAID to **CERAID** with addition of "Circular Economy"
- 2026-2027 - CERAID Grant applications update to reflect CEP recommendations
- 2027 - Earlier application release date to allow applicants to meet new requirements

APPLICATION CHANGES

- One application for all projects
- CEP goal and material stream
- Measurable outcome
- Access and end market

FY27 DEMAND

26 apps/15 funded

4 Tire 4 Organics 6 Recycling



Circular Economy Plan

Strategic Goals

01

Reduce illegal dumping and environmental harm

02

Internalize end-of-life costs through shared responsibility

03

Strengthen in-state markets and infrastructure

04

Improve access and equity across rural and tribal communities

05

Improve data, coordination, and consistency

NEAR-TERM PRIORITIES:

- **Tires**
- **Lithium-Ion Batteries (small and medium)**
- **Organics and biocircular systems**
- **HHW-Paint, access**
- **Clean Technologies; solutions for solar panels, wind turbines**
- **Mattresses, electronics, bulky waste**

NEW MEXICO BASELINE

3.9M tons MSW

generated each year

15%

diversion rate



EPA SWIFR* Grants to NMED

2023-2026 SWIFR

- \$570,000
- Analyze, harmonize and publish facility data 2015-2023
- Create a state waste characterization
- 2026 State Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) informed by stakeholder input

**The Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants (SWIFR) are issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).*

2026-2029 SWIFR

- \$680,000
- Market study of traditional recyclables; enhance opportunities for recycling funds
- Statewide Recycling Education Campaign with toolkits for local governments
- Improve annual reporting and database from regulated facilities
- Update Operator Certification Courses to reflect SWMP
- Improve RRB public facing information and interaction with stakeholders



2026 Appropriations

Compost Study:

\$130,000 +
\$200,000
from Circular
Economy
Appropriation

Circular Economy and Embedded Carbon:

\$25M;
\$12.5M to
Circular
Economy

- **Compost Study**
 - ▣ Four seasonal waste sorts at landfills/transfer stations for all classifications of MSW/Recycling
 - ▣ Market study and recommendations for infrastructure and programmatic investments
- **Circular Economy RFP underway; will fund many needed and innovative programs!**



Thank You!

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