

Conceptual Framework: a Data Center Moratorium

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
August 11th, 2026

Representative Micaela Lara Cadena
Representative Eleanor Chávez
Representative Angelica Rubio

How we got here:



Photo by Alexa Reynaud for Food & Water Watch and Lighthawk.org / Used With Permission

Key considerations:

- Defining data centers
- Deciding appropriate length of time for moratorium

Photo by Alexa Reynaud for Food & Water Watch and Lighthawk.org / Used With Permission

Potential scope of moratorium:

- **Permits and authorizations**
- **Tax incentives and other financial “economic development” tools**
- **Non-disclosure agreements**

Photo by Alexa Reynaud for Food & Water Watch and Lighthawk.org / Used With Permission

Who benefits and who pays:



- Water use and emissions
- Elimination of jobs and replacement of workers
- Social harms (META ordered to pay \$942 million and overhaul protections for children in NM)

Photo by Alexa Reynaud for Food & Water Watch and Lighthawk.org / Used With Permission

Important questions:

What do your constituents have to say about data centers?

What about data centers worries you?

What concerns do you have about a moratorium?

What should we keep in mind?

Who do we need to be in conversation with?

Connect and collaborate:

micaela.cadena@nmlegis.gov

eleanor.chavez@nmlegis.gov

angelica.rubio@nmlegis.gov



<https://linktr.ee/DataCenterMoratoriumNM>