

LET'S TALK ABOUT

THE CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY AUDIT



An annual review to track, examine, and report our progress in fighting climate change here in NM.

HERE IS THE ISSUE:



- Over 8 different state agencies and divisions report out key data and findings regarding our climate.
- The depth and difficulty of reviewing this data allows for polluters and industry to hide from accountability.
- It also makes it more difficult for us to hold ourselves accountable to the policies, programs, and projects we have going on to fight climate change.
- **Our plan:** We need to consolidate, track, and report. We need an annual CLIMATE AUDIT.

WHAT IS A CLIMATE AUDIT?

In short. A climate accountability audit is a performance and finance audit. It is a way for our government to consistently report out its progress on the issue of climate change and hold polluters accountable. Here is a preview of what that includes:

- Total dollars dedicated to programs and projects involving sustainable energy development, climate mitigation efforts, and rural energy buildout.
- Total number of state leased lands being used by extraction industries and the number of fines, violations, or issues of non-compliance (venting/flaring, unplugged wells, water contamination).
- Number of current extraction based jobs versus the number of sustainable energy jobs being created annually

HOW DOES IT INVOLVE THE OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR?



The Office of the State Auditor has the authority to require specific reporting of public entities that manage and use our money. The information required to be reported can be consolidated into a digestible annual report.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A CLIMATE AUDIT?

To achieve climate accountability through:

1. Providing accessible and searchable information about our current climate efforts to the public and the legislature.
2. Holding polluters and bad actors accountable who use state resources via the collection of key data.
3. Establishing a tracking system that details our public spending related to climate change and the results we are yielding.

HAS THIS BEEN DONE BEFORE?

Yes. This is not a new system, other states have done this with significant findings that strengthened their climate goals and accountability. Additionally, there are excellent national and international blueprints that detail partnerships with national and regional CPA firms and climate groups to provide a full account of what is working. **We can do it!**

LET'S SAY WE DO THIS... THEN WHAT?

The data alone on this issue provides us accountability from both the industry and ourselves. We will have the opportunity to review our efforts, hold industry accountable, and make focused and informed decisions that aligns with the short and long term needs identified by science.

How can I get involved?

Join our campaign for State Auditor as a climate captain and become a delegate! One of the best ways to get this up and running is supporting the election process so we can begin on day one, please contact us at 575-202-8118 or email zqformn@gmail.com