

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – New Mexico

FDA Presence: There are no FDA employees in New Mexico at this time, however, a recruiting announcement is out.

Resident Post: Albuquerque reports to: Denver District, Denver, Colorado, who reports to: Southwest Region, Dallas Texas

Resident Posts in New Mexico (Imports, 2 employees):
Santa Teresa and Columbus report to:
Southwest Import District: Dallas, Texas

Industry Presence in State

There are 734 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of New Mexico

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) - 48 percent

Human drug establishments - 19 percent

Medical device and Radiological establishments - 19 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments - 8 percent

Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) - 6 percent

Industry Highlights

- Large industry making acidified products such as salsa and specialty sauces.
- Home to four federal research labs, three strong research and development universities and the new Technology Research Corridor. These institutions alone bring together a total research and development spending of almost \$5 billion
- Third in natural gas production, 2nd in onshore proven gas reserves and 1st in coal bed methane gas production and reserves. Leader in alternative power sources.
- Southwest Import District: The entries received through the New Mexico ports are reviewed by SWID Investigators. The number of line entries received during fiscal year 06 18,717 line entries.

Contracts and Partnerships

State Contracts

New Mexico Department of Agriculture and Environmental Services

- Conduct inspections of medicated feed mills for safety and BSE control.

New Mexico State University

- Conduct scientific review of rapid test methods for validity and potential use in FDA Laboratories for regulatory screening

State Partnerships

New Mexico Department of Agriculture

- Conduct federal compliance testing of new assemblies or re-assemblies of x-ray equipment.

New Mexico Departments of Health, Agriculture, Environment, Livestock; Albuquerque City Health Department, Bernalillo County Environmental Health Department; NM Food Producers/Processors Association; NM University Cooperative Extension Service; and other industry and consumer groups

- Formalize ongoing cooperative program to educate regulators, industry & consumers on HACCP, food safety principles, & develop/implement statewide HACCP training plan.
- Southwest Import District Public Affairs Specialist: Focus on Import issues. Conducts education and outreach to the import industry, state and other government officials and support border health programs.