



## Environment Department

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## **Deputy Cabinet Secretary Jennifer Pruett to retire**

*NMED invites applicants for Deputy Secretary position*

**SANTA FE** — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) announces that Deputy Cabinet Secretary Jennifer Pruett will retire in May after more than two years leading the Department. Throughout her 37-year career and in the last two years as Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Deputy Pruett has been instrumental in initiatives that have positively impacted the environment and public health in New Mexico.

After graduating from the University of New Mexico School of Law, Deputy Pruett began working with NMED in 1984 as Assistant General Counsel. She worked in private practice from 1990 to 2006, then returned to NMED, working in management positions with the Ground Water Quality Bureau and the Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau. As Deputy Secretary, she has made a significant impact on the department's day-to-day operations and spurred progress toward the agency's long-term goals. In leading the Water Quality Control Commission, she decided cases that have resulted in greater protections for the water resources in our state.

“Our work and priorities sometimes generate challenges and opposition, but what’s really important is finding the persistence and focus to keep going,” said Deputy Secretary Pruett. “I’m so proud and happy to see that in so many of NMED’s loyal and passionate staff, and I want to thank them for that attitude and their accomplishments.”

“I am so grateful to Deputy Pruett for her many years of service to the Department, as well as to the environment and the people of New Mexico,” said NMED Cabinet Secretary James Kenney. “I, along with the staff of the New Mexico Environment Department, wish her the very best in her retirement.”

NMED is actively working to fill the position by April 2021. Candidates who are passionate about the environment and public health; have robust leadership, management and communication skills; and possess a desire to make meaningful and positive changes in New Mexico are encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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