## How will **The Energy Transition Act** Engage Tribal Communities?

## What is The Energy Transition Act?

Passed in the 2019 New Mexico Legislative Session, **The Energy Transition Act (ETA)** will help New Mexico transition from fossil fuels towards a more **RENEWABLE** and **CLEAN ENERGY BASED ECONOMY.** 





Signed into law by Governor Lujan Grisham in March 2019, *The Energy Transition Act (SB 489) sets statewide renewable energy standards* for renewable resources that will make New Mexico a leader in renewable energy.

50% Renewable Energy by 203080% Renewable Energy by 2040100% Renewable Energy by 2045

## **The Energy Transition Act & Tribal Communities**

As part of the **statewide transition** effort, the ETA creates **THREE FUNDS** across three state departments: Workforce Solutions, Economic Development, and Indian Affairs. Each department will engage affected communities for input on how the funds should be spent as well as assist with the creation of a community advisory committee.



The Community Advisory Committee **REQUIRES MEMBERSHIP** from *each Indian Nation, Pueblo, or Tribe in the affected community,* as well as four appointees *representing diverse economic and cultural interests.* 

As part of their direct engagement plan, The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) plans to **VISIT EVERY CHAPTER** within the affected community area for input and recommendations on how these funds should be spent. 100 Miles 40+ Displaced Workers

> The ETA defines an AFFECTED COMMUNITY as "a New Mexico county located within one hundred miles of a New Mexico facility producing electricity that closes, resulting in at least forty displaced workers."

## **Moving Forward With The Energy Transition Act**



However, the **San Juan Generating Station** has the **potential capacity to support over 2000 MW of solar PV power** with redevelopment.

The ETA provides **RESOURCES FOR WORKFORCE RE-TRAINING** for plant and mine workers, with **PRIORITY GIVEN TO COMMUNITIES DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE CLOSURE OF THE MINE.** These resources are vital to Tribal communities given the high representation of Native American workers at the mine and generation station who will be directly impacted when the mine closes.

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