

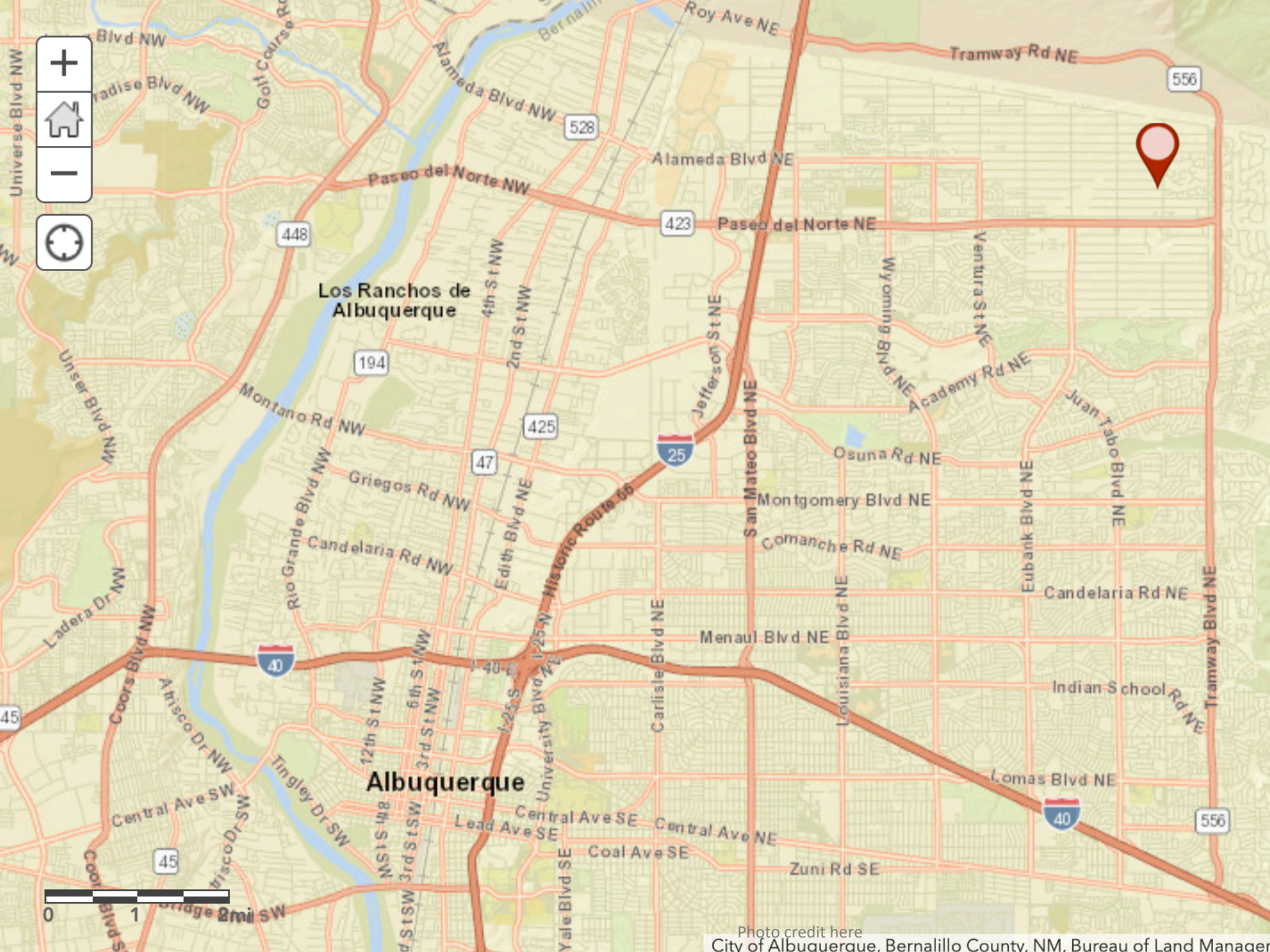
Ozone in ABQ

perspective from
clean air advocates



Albuquerque in Violation of Ozone Health Standards

- Three-year average of fourth highest annual 8-hour readings is above ambient air quality standards at Foothills Monitor.
- **Design value is 0.071 parts per million.**
- This is a violation of the ambient air quality standards.
- Albuquerque/Bernalillo County are in **nonattainment.**



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Los Ranchos de Albuquerque

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Nonattainment v. Nonattainment Area

- An area can be in nonattainment, but not be designated nonattainment.
- **EPA only required to designate nonattainment areas within two years of revising ambient air quality standards.**
- EPA will not designate new nonattainment areas unless asked to by a Governor. Has 120 days to take action.

Nonattainment Designation a Powerful Tool to Spur Clean-up

- Nonattainment gives Board, staff tools to ensure clean air.
- Nonattainment designation gives Board, staff tools to reduce emissions locally, but also ensure emissions that contribute are addressed.
- **We urge the Board to pass a resolution calling on the Governor to request the designation of Bernalillo County as an ozone nonattainment area.**

**Regardless, the Board Must
Take Action**



Section 74-2-5.3(A) NMSA:

“If the environmental improvement board or the local board determines that emissions from sources within its jurisdiction cause or contribute to ozone concentrations in excess of ninety-five percent of a national ambient air quality standard for ozone, it shall adopt a plan, including regulations, to control emissions of oxides of nitrogen and volatile organic compounds to provide for attainment and maintenance of the standard.”



New Mexico Ozone Attainment Initiative Development

Our mission is to protect the inhabitants and natural beauty of New Mexico by preventing the deterioration of air quality.

The NMED will use the following during the development of the Ozone Attainment Initiative (OAI):

- ❑ Science: We will use the best available science to inform our decision-making.
- ❑ Innovation: We will employ creative engineering and technological solutions.
- ❑ Collaboration: We will engage with communities and interested stakeholders in our OAI development strategy.
- ❑ Compliance: We will ensure compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards and state regulations.

We Urge the Board to Launch its Own Ozone Attainment Initiative

- Legally required.
- Consistent with NMED's approach.
- Board is not constrained by “no more stringent than federal requirements” pursuant to Section 74-2-5.3(B) NMSA.
- Board has opportunity to take action:
 - Local measures to reduce emissions, also meeting climate goals.
 - Advocate for stronger measures outside ABQ/Bernalillo County.

Thank you!

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