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Top Highlights

Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

(*Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales* or SEMARNAT)

- **Draft Update of Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2025:** On June 14, 2025, the SEMARNAT published the draft of "[Environmental Protection – Native Species of Wild Flora and Fauna in Mexico – Risk Categories and Specifications for Their Inclusion, Exclusion or Change.](#)"
 - This update revises the standard that classifies native species of Mexico's wild flora and fauna according to their risk level.
 - The new version incorporates scientific advances, more rigorous technical criteria and a more comprehensive approach to biodiversity conservation.
- **Draft Update of Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-174-SEMARNAT-2024:** On June 7, 2025, SEMARNAT published the draft of "[Maximum Permissible Limits of Pollutant Emissions From the Exhaust of New Engines Incorporated or to Be Installed in New Non-Road Mobile Machinery, Which Use Diesel as Fuel.](#)" This standard sets the maximum permissible emission limits for pollutants from the exhaust of new engines installed in non-road mobile machinery that use diesel fuel. It would replace previous provisions such as those in NOM-167-SEMARNAT-2017, focusing on machinery operating off conventional roads like construction, mining and agriculture.

Nuevo León

- **New Secretary of the Environment in Nuevo León:** The state executive of Nuevo León appointed Raúl Lozano on June 18, 2025, as the new head of the State Secretariat of the Environment, replacing Alfonso Martínez. During the appointment, the governor emphasized that the designation is part of a strategy to consolidate a "Green Nuevo León." This marks the third leadership change at the SEMARNAT during the current state administration, reflecting ongoing challenges in pollution control and environmental management in the state.
- **New Interim Environmental Prosecutor in Nuevo León:** The Attorney General's Office of Nuevo León on June 20, 2025, appointed Mónica Lizett Reyes as interim head of the Specialized Environmental Prosecutor's Office. The appointment comes amid growing concern over environmental crimes in the state. New Environment Secretary Lozano stated that coordination with the prosecutor's office will be essential to combat pollution and ensure legal consequences for those who harm the environment.

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