

City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department Air Quality Program

Permit Waivers and Air Quality Notifications for Gas Stations and Emergency Standby Engines and Updates to Construction Permits Regulation

The Environmental Health Department (EHD) is proposing a streamlined authorization process for gas stations and emergency standby engines in order to deliver the same air quality protection through more efficient use of public resources. EHD plans to introduce additional amendments to the construction permits regulation to address the EPA's proposed conditional approval of the 2013 Albuquerque-Bernalillo County State Implementation Plan.

What would the streamlined authorization process achieve?

- Assure the same level of air quality protection through a simpler process than the current construction permits regulation allows
- Proactively manage limited public resources
- Dedicate more staff time to larger facilities with greater potential air quality impacts

What is EHD proposing?

- Waive permitting requirements for most gas stations and emergency standby engines while continuing to require that they comply with all applicable regulations
- Streamline technical permit revisions by limiting these revisions to circumstances where there is no increase in emissions
- Establish a new fee structure for owners and operators of gas stations and emergency standby engines

How can I learn more?

• The draft regulations that EHD is considering are available in full at http://www.cabq.gov/airquality/air-quality-control-board/regulation-development/stakeholder-review-drafts.