

PUBLIC NOTICE
Air Quality Construction Permit For
University of New Mexico (UNM)

University of New Mexico submitted an application for a new air quality construction permit to the Air Quality Program (Program) of the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department. The Program received the application on January 13, 2026. The owner of the facility is University of New Mexico, Scholes Hall 160, Bldg.10, 1800 Roma Ave, Albuquerque, NM 87131. The facility, UNM Police Headquarters, is located at 2500 Campus Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. This application file has been assigned Permit Application No. 3551. The Program has made an affirmative administrative completeness determination and is providing this notice pursuant to 20.11.41.14 NMAC.

The applicant is requesting a new construction permit for the following:

1. Install a new 300 kW/480 horsepower (hp) diesel fired emergency generator/internal combustion engine. This new backup generator's main function is to provide backup power to support operations in the event that primary power is interrupted.
2. Requests 200 hours of operation per year. The generator will only be operated during unavoidable loss of commercial power or during required maintenance.

The proposed air pollution maximum allowable emissions from this facility have been estimated to be:

Air Contaminant	Proposed Total Emissions¹	
	(lbs/hr)	(tpy)
Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x)	3.02	0.30
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	2.75	0.28
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	0.16	0.016
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	0.0047	0.00047
Particulate Matter \leq 10 microns (PM ₁₀)	0.16	0.016
Particulate Matter \leq 2.5 microns (PM _{2.5})	0.16	0.016
Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP)	0.011	0.0011

¹The proposed emissions in this notice are provided by the applicant and are subject to change during the course of the Program's review of the application.

A copy of the permit application, all supporting documentation, and the Program's technical analysis, if and when it is completed, may be inspected by the public at the Program offices at Room 3023, One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM. Any person who wishes to receive notice of the availability of the Program's technical analysis for review and comment, must expressly request notice in writing to the Program at: Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, Air Quality Program – Permitting Section P.O. Box 1293, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103 before the end of the public comment period on March 14, 2026. The public will have no fewer than 30 days to submit written comments and evidence, request a public information hearing, or both on the permit application to the Program. Comments will be accepted and considered if postmarked by the end of the public comment period. Formal action on the application will be reserved pending receipt and analysis of any additional details or information developed during the public comment period. Any person who does not participate in the permitting action will not receive notification of the Program's decision regarding the proposed permit, unless the person has delivered a written request for notice to the department. The application, all supporting documentation, and the public notice are available online at <http://www.cabq.gov/airquality/air-quality-permits>.

The Program shall hold a Public Information Hearing pursuant to 20.11.41.15 NMAC if the Director determines there is significant public interest and a significant air quality issue is involved.

The Program expects to issue, issue subject to conditions, or deny this application before May 13, 2026. The Program will not issue any air quality permit with or without conditions unless an air quality ambient impact dispersion modeling study, if deemed necessary by the Program, shows that the facility would not cause or contribute to a potential violation of air quality standards. If the Program issues the permit with conditions, the conditions will include those that limit the emissions, and conditions that will require recordkeeping and reporting to the Program to ensure compliance with federal and local air regulations.

The Program's offices are located at One Civic Plaza NW, Room 3023, Albuquerque, NM 87102. The Program's mailing address is Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, Air Quality Program – Permitting Section, PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

For more information, contact Pauline Padilla, Senior Environmental Health Scientist, at 505-767-5739 or paulinepadilla@cabq.gov.

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If you have a disability and require special assistance to participate, please contact Pauline Padilla at 505-767-5739 as soon as possible before the deadline. Those in need of hearing assistance may call 711.