

PUBLIC NOTICE
Air Quality Construction Permit for
County of Bernalillo Solid Waste Department

County of Bernalillo Solid Waste Department submitted an application to modify an air quality construction permit to the Air Quality Program (Program) of the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department. The Program received the application on August 28, 2026. The owner of the facility County of Bernalillo Solid Waste Department, 600 Second St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. The facility, East Mountains Transfer Station, is located at 711 NM Hwy 333, Tijeras, NM 87509. This application file has been assigned Permit Application #2080-M1. 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 modification to Permit #2080. The modifications include replacing the original diesel-powered horizontal green waste grinder at the facility with a newer unit and adding a second diesel-powered horizontal grinder to the site's operations. Updated emissions for both units are provided in this application to accurately characterize total emissions from engines at EMTS. The addition of a second grinder to East Mountains Transfer Station does not require an increase in the requested maximum allowable operational hours for grinding activities at the facility, as the total requested cumulative operational hours between the two units will remain at 800 hours per year.

1. Unit #1: Horizontal grinder engine - CAT, Model C18, Serial # BDN01715, Manufacture Date 2013, 638 Horsepower.
2. Unit #2: Horizontal grinder engine – CAT, Model C18, Serial #BDN04216, Manufacture Date 2019, 802 Horsepower.

Once per year, the County may operate one of its grinders at a remote location within the County for the purpose of Christmas tree or green yard waste grinding/recycling. The event would be conducted at one of two locations as listed below (not simultaneously). Public access to the equipment would not be allowed, and safe separation distance would be further ensured by requiring stockpiling of the trees/green waste by the public during the two weeks prior to the grinding event when the grinder was not present. The grinder would then be transported to the site at the end of those two weeks and used to grind the accumulated material for one day of operation at the remote site of choice. Additional safety measures during the grinding day would be achieved by installing physical safety barriers (cones and caution tape, or similar) and warning signage a minimum of 100 feet from the grinding and loading equipment on every side.

1. Location #1: North Valley Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center. 9800 4th St. NW #2125. Albuquerque, NM 87114.
2. Location #2: South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center. 2008 Larrazolo Rd. SW. Albuquerque, NM 87105.

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

Air Contaminant	Proposed Total Emissions ¹		Proposed Net Changes	
	(lbs/hr)	(tpy)	(lbs/hr)	(tpy)
Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x)	4.61	1.85	-1.56	-0.62
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	4.61	1.85	0.96	0.39
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	0.25	0.10	-0.19	-0.08
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	0.0087	0.00347	-5.09	-2.04
Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns (PM ₁₀)	0.053	0.021	-0.157	-0.059
Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns (PM _{2.5})	0.053	0.021	-0.157	-0.059
Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP)	0.0201	0.00802	0.0201	0.00802

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.

The Program has conducted a preliminary review of the air quality modeling information submitted with the permit application. The Program's preliminary review and the applicant's analysis of ambient air quality impacts indicated that the facility's air emissions will meet the air quality standards for CO, NO_x and Particulate Matter (both PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}). In regards to the ozone air quality standard, ozone is normally only modeled for regional compliance demonstrations and does not need to be modeled for air quality permits subject to certain exceptions not applicable here. The Program's modeling guidelines are available at: <http://www.cabq.gov/airquality/air-quality-permits/dispersion-modeling-guidelines>.

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 November 2, 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 <https://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 December 28, 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 Michael Anaya, Senior Environmental Health Scientist, at 505-228-3955 or maanaya@cabq.gov.

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If you have a disability and require special assistance to participate, please contact Michael Anaya at 505-228-3955 as soon as possible before the deadline. Those in need of hearing assistance may call 711.