

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Air Quality Construction Permit For**  
**GCC Rio Grande, Inc.**

GCC Rio Grande, Inc. submitted an application for an air quality construction permit modification to the Air Quality Program (Program) of the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department. The Program received the application on July 12, 2023 and additional information received on September 5, 2023. The owner and operator of the Facility is GCC Rio Grande, Inc. The Facility, is Tijeras Portland Cement Manufacturing Facility located at, 11783 State Highway 337 South in Tijeras, NM 87059. This application file has been assigned Permit Application No. 2197-M2. 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 the construction permit, 2197-M1, to authorize an increase in pounds per hour (lbs/hr) emission rates from the kilns' combustion due to operation fluctuations which may occur during hours of operation. The proposed lbs/hr emission rates were included in the air dispersion modeling for the entire GCC facility under the Title V Operating Permit 0532-RN2 issued on 8/14/2023, and compliance was demonstrated with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and the NM Ambient Air Quality Standards (NMAAQS). The annual emissions in tons per year (tpy) will not increase and remain the same.

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

POLLUTANT	Proposed Net Changes		Proposed Total Emissions <sup>1</sup>	
	(lbs/hr)	(tpy)	(lbs/hr)	(tpy)
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	+1011	0.0	1348.00	1446.54
Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)	+621	0.0	975.00	1518.87
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	0	0.0	15.50	66.54
Sulfur Oxides (SOx)	-136.66	0.0	193.60	848.18
Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns (PM <sub>10</sub> )	0	0.0	33.36	48.58
Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	0	0.0	17.88	26.03
Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP)	0	0.0	13.20	50.65

<sup>1</sup>The 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 November 3, 2023. 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 January 3, 2024. 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 Barbara Georgitsis, Sr. Environmental Health Scientist, 505-767-5625 or [bgeorgitsis@cabq.gov](mailto:bgeorgitsis@cabq.gov).

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If you have a disability and require special assistance to participate, please contact Barbara Georgitsis at 505-767-5625 as soon as possible before the deadline. Those in need of hearing assistance may call 711.