

PUBLIC NOTICE
Air Quality Construction Permit For
University of New Mexico

The 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 November 13, 2025. The owner of the facility is the University of New Mexico, MSC07 4100, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131. The COSMIAC facility is located at 2420 Alamo Avenue SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. This application file has been assigned Permit Application No. 3546. 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 to install a diesel engine to power an air compressor and a rotating detonating engine. The compressor will provide process air for the experimental combustion of hydrogen in a rotating detonating engine. The applicant is requesting an operational maximum of 300 hours per year.

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

Air Contaminant	Proposed Total Emissions ¹	
	(lbs/hr)	(tpy)
Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x)	3.01	0.45
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	2.73	0.40
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	0.15	0.023
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	0.0049	0.00074
Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns (PM ₁₀)	0.015	0.0023
Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns (PM _{2.5})	0.015	0.0023
Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP)	0.022	0.0033

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 January 18, 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 March 15, 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 Jonathan Florez, Senior Environmental Health Scientist, at 505-768-1948 or jflorez@cabq.gov.

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If you have a disability and require special assistance to participate, please contact Jonathan Florez at 505-768-1948 as soon as possible before the deadline. Those in need of hearing assistance may call 711.