
Deputy Director's Air Quality Report: Updates from the Last Two Month
Air Quality Control Board November 2021 Meeting

The Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Joint Air Quality Program (AQP), administered by the City of Albuquerque's Environmental Health Department (EHD), is authorized to implement and enforce clean air laws to protect public health within the boundaries of the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County.

General Updates

AQP Launches Air Quality Monitoring Trailer- On 10/24/21, the AQP and Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller launched the new hazardous air pollution monitoring trailer in the San Jose neighborhood. The trailer will be parked at E. San Jose Pool for at least the next 12 months to capture seasonal variations in data. Identifying exactly what is in our air is critical to protecting public health.



Press coverage included:

- <https://www.krqe.com/news/politics-government/city-unveils-mobile-air-quality-monitoring-trailer/>
- <https://www.kob.com/albuquerque-news/albuquerque-unveils-air-quality-monitoring-trailer/6277050/>
- <https://eminetra.com/city-unveils-mobile-air-quality-monitoring-trailer-albuquerque-new-mexico/800757/>
- <https://www.smartcitiesworld.net/news/albuquerque-rolls-out-mobile-air-quality-monitoring-trailer-7055>

AQP Co-hosted Cumulative Impacts Symposium- On 11/3/21, AQP co-hosted an evening community event with the UNM School of Law and Los Jardines Institute.



US Deptment of Transportation Awards \$7.1 M to Sunport for Zero & Low Emissions Infrastructure- The Albuquerque Sunport Airport will use this federal investment to purchase three new zero-emission vehicles, install overhead charging infrastructure, reconstruct a taxiway, and build low-emission airport pre-conditioned air units and airport ground power units that will reduce carbon emissions at the airport.

Health Alerts- Due to high ground-level ozone levels, those with respiratory conditions were advised to limit outdoor activity from 2:35-8pm on 9/8/2021.

Text “ABQHEALTH” to 226787 for text health alerts in English, or “ABQSALUD” for alerts in Spanish. Mobile alerts are intended for general health alerts that may affect the entire community, at a high-priority level. Mobile alerts are issued for topics including:

- High levels of air pollutants, including smoke, blowing dust, and ozone
- Food safety recalls or alerts
- Hazardous material discharges
- Important infectious disease developments

Regulation Development Actions

Clean Car Standards

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the AQP are seeking to jointly adopt California’s Advanced Clean Cars standards through rulemaking. More information on the rulemaking process is available at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/the-road-to-clean-cars-new-mexico/>.

- **NMED releases draft rule for public comment-** On 10/28/21, NMED released its draft rule for public comment. The deadline to submit comments is 11/19/2021. The AQP’s draft is forthcoming in the new year.
- **AQP/NMED Held 2nd Clean Cars Stakeholder Outreach Meeting-** On 9/15/21, the AQP and NMED held a meeting for stakeholders.
- **AQP/NMED Held 3rd Clean Cars Stakeholder Outreach Meetings –** On 11/3/21, the AQP and NMED staff led the third Clean Cars public engagement meeting. The public was invited to discuss NMED’s discussion draft rule and it’s economic and emission benefits.

- **NMED will Petition the Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) on 12/1/2021.** The AQP will petition the Air Board early next year.
- **NMED/AQP to request EIB/Air Board hold a joint hearing in May 2021.**

Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP)

The Regional Haze SIP timeline has been revised, in consultation with NMED:

- April 2022, file petition with the Air Board
- May 2022, Air Board consider petition
- August 2022, submit proposed SIP to EPA Region 6
- EPA can make a finding of failure to submit after July 31, 2021 (applies to all of the Western states, none of which met the deadline)

Permitting Actions

Permit Applications are available here: <https://www.cabq.gov/airquality/air-quality-permits>

AQP Deems Proposed Hot Mix Asphalt Plant Permit Application (S. Valley) Incomplete– On 8/15/2021, Star Paving’s application to build a Hot Mix Asphalt Plant north of the proposed New Mexico Terminal Services hot mix asphalt plant in the South Valley was deemed incomplete.

AQP Denied Permit in Mountain View Neighborhood- On 9/9/2021, AQP denied Phillips 66 request for a technical permit revision for the bulk fuels terminal located in the Mountain View Community. An air dispersion modeling demonstration is needed for the combustion emissions from the loading rack vapor recovery unit and will require a permit modification application.

AQP Takes Action on Source Registrations- 09/10/2021 – EHD denied request for a source registration Application #3423 for UniFirst industrial laundry located in the International District because it was determined the operation requires an air quality permit. UniFirst is required to submit to EHD a request for a pre-application meeting by October 1, 2021.

Enforcement/Compliance Actions

AQP Brings Facilities Back into Compliance-

- On 10/13/21, AQP fully executed a settlement agreement with Maverick, Inc. for demolition of a structure without first obtaining a Fugitive Dust permit.
- On 10/27/21, AQP fully executed the settlement agreement with Viva Paradise Townhomes (Panorama Homes) for failing to install fugitive dust control measures.
- On 10/28/21, AQP fully executed the settlement agreement with Maverik Inc. for failing to clean up track-out and for failing to install fugitive dust control measures.
- On 10/28/21, AQP fully executed the settlement agreement with Broadway Railroad Stockpile (Guzman Construction) for track-out and failing to install fugitive dust control measures on multiple dates.

Facility Inspections conducted in the last month are listed here:

<https://www.cabq.gov/airquality/compliance-enforcement/air-quality-inspections-performed-in-the-previous-month>