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**Acting Director's Air Quality Report: Updates from the Last Month**  
Air Quality Control Board August 2021 Meeting

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

### **General Updates**

#### *Transportation Coordinating Committee Air Board Liaison Position Available*

The Transportation Coordinating Committee under the Metropolitan Transportation Board of the Mid-Region Council of Governments has a vacancy for a representative of the Air Board as a non-voting advisory member. This committee provides technical advice to the Transportation Board on items related to local transportation planning. It meets on the first Friday of each month at 1:30pm. Committee meetings are still being held virtually.

*Health Alerts-* Due to elevated levels of ozone, the AQ Program issued a health alert on the following dates. Those with respiratory conditions were advised to limit outdoor activity.

- 3:30–8pm Tuesday, July 6, 2021
- 12-7pm on Friday, July 23, 2021
- 2:30-9pm on Thursday, August 5, 2021

*Text "ABQHEALTH" to 226787 for health alerts in English, or "ABQSALUD" for alerts in Spanish.*

You will receive a welcome message and instructions to start or stop messages any time. 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**

#### *Establishing New Mexico Clean Cars Standards*

- On July 21, EHD and NMED hosted a Clean Cars New Mexico virtual public engagement kick-off meeting
- On July 23, the Environmental Improvement Board declined to take up Climate Advocates' Petition #EIB 21-30 to propose the adoption of 20.2.88 NMAC – Emission Standards for New Motor Vehicles
- On July 26, Climate Advocates' withdrew Petition 2021-1 to propose Air Board adoption of 20.11.105 NMAC – Emission Standards for New Motor Vehicles
- EHD and NMED continue their partnership to draft a clean car standard for New Mexico

- Media Coverage:
  - 7/22/21- NM Political Report. [New Mexico begins clean car standards rulemaking process](#)
  - 8/1/21-AlbuquerqueJournal. Front Page. [New Mexico targets vehicle emissions](#)
  - 8/4/21-Carlsbad Current-Argus. [New Mexico to impose new rules on vehicle emissions, aims to curb greenhouse gas](#)

#### *Minnesota becomes first Midwest state to adopt clean car standards*

Minnesota has joined 14 other states to adopt clean car standards. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s rulemaking process launched in September 2019, soliciting input from more than 10,000 Minnesotans through meetings and public comments around the state.

#### *National Clean Cars Standards*

President Biden will signed an Executive Order that sets an ambitious new target to make half of all new vehicles sold in 2030 zero-emissions vehicles, including battery electric, plug-in hybrid electric, or fuel cell electric vehicles.

*2015 Ozone “Good Neighbor” Transport SIP Submitted to EPA* – On August 2, 2021, NMED and EHD electronically transmitted the 2015 Good Neighbor Transport SIP to the EPA for its review and approval. This was delayed due to a request for a hearing before the EIB by environmental groups. The hearing took place on 5-28-21; NMED prevailed.

### **Enforcement/Compliance Actions**

*EHD Issues Notice of Violation (NOV) to Salls Brothers Construction, Inc (Lavender Fields)* – On 07/01/21, EHD issued an NOV to Salls Brothers Construction, Inc. for failing to use reasonably available fugitive dust control measures.

*EHD Receives Request for Enforcement Hearing*– On 05/27/21, EHD issued a compliance order to Guzman Construction, LLC. (Broadway Railroad Stockpiles) for not installing fugitive dust control measures, not cleaning up track-out, and for importing material from an unauthorized site. On 06/15/21, EHD received Guzman’s response and request for a hearing.

### **Facility Inspections**

The AQ Program regularly conducts permittee inspections, including 65 in the last month. This information is also on [EHD’s website](#).

- (Week of 7/19/21) – Total 17

Top Golf Drainage Improvements, I-40 / Zuzax Interchange, Holy Child Catholic Expansion, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation, Wildland Support Module B621, Singing Arrow Community Center, Luminaria Senior Community, NNSA Albuquerque Complex, Broadstone Nob Hill, Landscaping Lot 13A, Marble and Arno Storm Pump Station, U-Haul Albuquerque Westside, Hope Village, Bosque Antigua Subdivision, Cinnamon Morning Subdivision, RCC Demolition and New Parking Lot, and Griegos Rd NW/Rio Grande Blvd NW

- (Week of 6/28/21) – Total 19

771891 West Boulevard Widening, McMahon Property Mass Grading, Corrales Transmission Line & Reservoir, Durango, Catalonia, Quality Fruit and Vegetables, WAQI, Tract C-3 Shell Site - 7200

Bluewater R2, WMHS Football Field, West Central Route 66 Visitor Center, Route 66 Visitors Center and Sewer Extension, Lower Bear Tributary Arroyo Regional Flood Control, SWRP Power Loop A and B Design, Kairos Power Phase I Shell, 3800 Rio Grande Blvd NW, 207 Bergquist Pl NW, Salvador Rd SW and Luna Rd SW, 3801 3rd St NW, Joe Sanchez Rd SW, and Blake Rd SW

- (Week of 7/5/21) – Total 29

Widen Muns Haul Road, Fire Station 3, Wilson Pool and Park, APACA Moving and Storage, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation, Broadstone Nob Hill, Singing Arrow Community Center, Luminaria Senior Community, NNSA Albuquerque Complex, Juan Tabo Hills West, AFRL Skywave Technology Lab, Unser and McMahon Development, 771891 West Boulevard Widening, Durango, SWRP Power Loop A and B Design, Kairos Power Phase I Shell, City of Albuquerque SWMD Vehicle Maintenance Building, Lavender Fields, Bosque Escondido, Loomis Armored US, Del's Hide-A-Way Townhomes, Albuquerque Products Terminal, 124 Arno St SE, 400 Marquette Ave NW, 11109 Hume Ave NE, Tyler Rd NE and Edith Blvd NE, Former Nexus Office/Warehouse, ABCWUA Burton Pump Station, and Arnies Cleaners

### Current permit applications

## Pending Stationary Source Air Quality Permit Applications

App #	Name	Comment On	Comment Period Ends
3435	U.S. Department of Energy - Sandia Field Office	Application	Closed for comment
3433	Duke City Redi-Mix, LLC Portable Concrete Batch Plant	Application	Closed for comment
2093-RN-M1	PNM Rio Bravo Generating Station	Application	Closed for comment
3436	U.S. Department of Energy - Sandia Field Office	Application	Closed for comment
0444-M4	SUMCO Phoenix Corporation	Application	Closed for comment
0752-M3	American Gypsum Company, LLC	Application	Closed for comment
3447-EP	Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority	Emergency Permit	August 12, 2021

## Received Stationary Source Air Quality Permit Applications

App #	Facility Name	Owner	Received	Status
0499-M2-RN2	PNM Reeves GS	Public Company Services of New Mexico	2/8/2021	In review for administrative completeness
0051-M2	Albuquerque Asphalt Terminal	Western Refining Terminals, LLC	3/24/2021	Deemed Incomplete 4/23/2021
3443	Black Rock HP-2 HMA	Black Rock Services, LLC	06/21/2021	2nd Submittal Deemed Incomplete 07/21/2021
2095-M2	Bimbo Bakeries	Bimbo Bakeries USA	06/10/2021	Deemed Incomplete 07/12/2021
3031-M1	KAFB Fire Department	U.S. Department of Defense	06/23/2021	Deemed Incomplete 07/26/2021
1759-M2	KAFB Starfire Optic Range	U.S. Department of Defense	06/23/2021	Deemed Incomplete 07/26/2021
0786-M6	ABCWUA Southside Water Reclamation Plant	Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority	07/07/2021	2nd Submittal in review for administrative completeness
3448	Star Paving HMA Plant	Star Paving Company	07/15/2021	In review for administrative completeness
2105-M1	KAFB AFRL/RVEI Generator	U.S. Department of Defense	0//23/2021	In review for administrative completeness
0532-RN2	GCC Rio Grande, Inc.	GCC Rio Grande, Inc.	07/28/2021	In review for administrative completeness

After an application is deemed Administratively Complete, it will be listed in the *Pending Applications* table above.

**During the August Air Board Meeting,** Acting Director Burstein may cover additional items during Air Quality Report.