
Deputy Director's Air Quality Report: Updates from the Last Month
Air Quality Control Board September 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

EHD Director Resigns

Director Ryan Mast's last day was 8/27/2021. EHD's Deputy Director Dr. Mark DiMenna is now the Acting Director.

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 to serve as a non-voting advisory member. This committee provides technical advice to the Transportation Board on local transportation planning. It meets on the first Friday of each month at 1:30pm. Committee meetings are still being held virtually.

EPA Plans Cumulative Impacts Listening Session for State/Local Agencies

EPA's Office of Research and Development will hold a virtual listening session (Sept 23 11-1pm) to help them better understand the concerns facing state and local environmental and health agencies with respect to cumulative impacts. The purpose of these sessions is to give states and local agencies the opportunity to convey concerns and research interests early in EPA's research planning process. Their input can help inform the research needed to better protect human health and the environment in ways that assess and account for cumulative impacts.

Health Alerts- Those with respiratory conditions were advised to limit outdoor activity.

- For smoke and ozone:
 - 12pm 8/7/2021 to 7pm 8/9/2021
- For ozone:
 - 2:30-9pm on 8/5/2021

Text "ABQHEALTH" to 226787 for text 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

Permitting Actions

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

Enforcement/Compliance Actions

EHD brings Salls Brothers back into compliance – On 8/2/21, EHD settled with Salls Brothers Construction, Inc. (Lavender Fields) for failing to use reasonably available fugitive dust control measures.

EHD brings Quikrete of NM Inc. back into compliance – On 8/27/21, EHD settled with Quikrete for emission rate, reporting and record keeping violations.

EHD brings Albuquerque Asphalt Terminal back into compliance - On 9/1/21, EHD settled with Albuquerque Asphalt Terminal for throughput, emission rate, reporting and monitoring violations.

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>