

City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department



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Deputy Director's Air Quality Report to Air Quality Control Board, March 2020 Meeting

City Launches Bilingual, Opt-In Emergency Health Alert Notifications- Residents can opt in via text message to receive free real-time emergency health alerts. Community members can text "ABQHEALTH" to the number 226787 to opt into the English language list, or "ABQSALUD" to opt into the Spanish language list from any mobile phone.

City Supports Senate Bill 8 to Remove "Stringency Standard"- Senator Wirth's bill proposes to amend the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act to allow for the Environmental Improvement Board and the Air Board to adopt air quality standards that are more stringent than federal requirements.

County Planning Commissioner Liaison to Air Board Identified - Commissioner Connie Chavez agreed to serve as a non-voting member of the Air Board for at least one year. At Air Board meetings, Commissioner Chavez will speak to any planning-related issues that come up, and report back to the Planning Commission on any significant/relevant goings on at the Air Board.

EHD & Health Equity Council (formerly BernCo Community Health Council) **to Explore Asthma**This month, EHD asked the Health Equity Council to research local rates and causes of asthma and other respitory illnesses and to provide policy recommendations the city/county should consider.

EHD Requests \$400,000 to Establish Neighborhood Monitoring Network- This month, EHD requested \$400k from City Council to purchase and place several, small particulate monitors throughout the city and county. EHD hopes to work with the community on where these monitors should be placed.

EHD Issues a Notice of Violation (NOV) to Nazish, LLC. – On 02/18/21, EHD issued an NOV to Nazish, LLC. for operating without a fugitive dust permit, no graveled entrance/exit and incomplete silt fencing.

EHD Settles with Permitees:

- Valle Prado LLC On 02/18/21, EHD settled an enforcement action with Valle Prado for operating without a fugitive dust permit, not maintaining silt fencing, constructing and using an unpaved short cut and not cleaning up track out.
- Coss Truck & Trailer Repair—This month, EHD agreed to withdraw the Notice of Violation if the permittee completes silt fence installation and graveled entrance/exit apron by 2/28/21.

EHD Issues Health Alerts for Wind/Dust- On 2/5/21 and 2/13/21-2/15/21, EHD issued health alerts to remind permit holders of actions they must take to control their dust; and to inform the general public of ways minimize their personal impact.

EHD Regulary Inspects Permittees to Ensure Compliance- In just one week, between 02/19/2021 and 02/26/2021, EHD performed 16 inspections, including at: West Mesa RV Park, Route 66 Visitors Center Water & Sewer Extension, Mister Car Wash, Singing Arrow Community Center, Luminaria Senior Community, Albuquerque Complete Streets, CABQ International District Library, Broadstone Nob Hill, T&M Self Storage, APS Site – East Mtns., 1520 University Blvd., 1001 Tramway Blvd., NM Gas Company Service Center, Maaco (2 locations) and an odor complaint (no point source provided, just general area). Starting in March, EHD will report inspections that took place the month before.

During the March 10th Air Board Meeting, Deputy Director Burstein may also address, filling the vacant liaison seat on the Board, 1x1 meetings with Board members, the Open Meetings Act, and potentially other relevant subjects.

Pending Air Quality Permit Applications in Albuquerque – Bernalillo County

App#	Name	Comment On	Comment Period Ends
1820- M2	DOE Sandia National Labs/ New Mexico	Application	Closed for comment
3291- M2	Albuquerque Asphalt, Inc.	Application	Closed for comment
0786- M6	ABCWUA Southside Water Reclamation Plant	Application	Closed for comment
1791- M3	Salls Brothers Construction, Inc Albuquerque Rock	Application	Closed for comment
0917- M6	Lovelace Biomedical Research Institute	Application	Closed for comment
2093- RN-M1	PNM Rio Bravo Generating Station	Application	March 16, 2021
3432	VCG Sunport Concrete Batch Plant	Application	March 29, 2021