

Legal Notice
For
Air Quality Operating Permit
for Los Alamos National Laboratory of U.S. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration

U.S. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration at 3747 West Jemez Road MS A316; Los Alamos, NM 87544 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The operator of this facility is U.S. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration. The exact location of the facility is at latitude 35 deg, 52 min, 27 sec and longitude -106 deg, 19 min, 13 sec Datum: NAD83. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is within and adjacent to the town of Los Alamos in Los Alamos County, NM. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P100-R3 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 856.

Previously, the facility has received air quality construction permits and is in operation. The main purpose of the facility is to conduct research and development to fulfill the missions of ensuring the safety and reliability of the U.S. nuclear deterrent, reducing the global threat of weapons of mass destruction, and solving national problems in energy, environment, infrastructure and health security.

This operating permit application is for a permit renewal. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves updating and incorporating all applicable new source review (NSR) and TV permit actions that have happened since February 3, 2017 (the most recent complete TV permit). The primary NSR update is from the planned power plant upgrade in NSR 2195B-M3 (issued July 26, 2018).

There are no changes to the existing facility-wide allowable air emission limits in this permitting action. This facility has several source categories of emissions. The revised emissions previously established in NSR Permit 2195B-M3 (power plant source category) and brought forward into this TV renewal permit have not changed the overall facility-wide allowable emission limits. After completion of the phased power plant construction this source category will see reductions in nitrogen oxides (NOx) and carbon monoxide (CO) and an increase in volatile organic compounds (VOC) and particulate matter (PM). LANL is voluntarily reducing the allowable emission limits for all pollutants from the asphalt plant source category. These source category revisions have not changed existing facility-wide allowable air emission limits.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. This review included evaluation of the emission rates and applicable requirements to determine compliance. The NMED has made a preliminary determination that this facility will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 7, 11, 60, 61, 65, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 78, and 82; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A, Dc, I, GG, IIII, and KKKK; 40 CFR 61 Subparts A, C, H, M, and Q; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A, T, and CCCCCC; 40 CFR 82 Subparts B, F, H, and I; and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality operating permit on or before October 25, 2020.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P100-R3 by contacting Jim Nellessen at the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816.

Written requests for public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Comments must be based on the requirements of the applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. Comments or hearing requests must be received within 30 days after the public notice is published.

Due to the public health emergency order, certain NMED offices are closed to the public. The permit application is currently available for review on the AQB Public Notices of Permitting Actions website www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/public-notice-of-permitting-actions/. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Jim Nellessen at james.nellessen@state.nm.us or at 505-476-4315 (voicemail only). Este es un aviso de la oficina de Calidad del Aire del Departamento del Medio Ambiente de Nuevo México, acerca de las emisiones producidas por un establecimiento en esta área. Si usted desea información en español, por favor comuníquese con esa oficina al teléfono 505-476-5557.

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