

Legal Notice
For
Air Quality Operating Permit
for Washington Ranch Storage Facility of El Paso Natural Gas
Company, LLC

El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC at 2 N Nevada Ave; Colorado Springs, CO 80903 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its Washington Ranch Storage Facility. The owner of this plant is El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC. The exact location of the facility is/will be at latitude and longitude decimal degrees: 32.082869, -104.486331 Datum: WGS84. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 9.1 mi SW of Whites City in Eddy County, NM. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P064R5 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 220.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation.

This facility is a natural gas storage facility that compresses and injects pipeline quality natural gas into underground storage wells and withdraws the gas for delivery into the pipeline.

This operating permit application is for a permit renewal. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting application also removes unit Pump and malfunction limits, changes 20.2.50 NMAC requirements for several units, added oxidation catalysts required for engines, and revised startup, shutdown, and maintenance condition per EPA petitions.

The emissions previously approved in NSR Permits 428M7 and 428M7R6 are brought forward into this public notice are as follows. There are no changes in emissions from previous operating permit P064R4M2. Emissions are expressed in tons per year (tpy). Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) at 243.58 tpy; Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 243.58 tpy ; Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 186.13 tpy; Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) at 4.76 tpy; Particulate Matter (PM) at 10.15 tpy; Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) at 10.15 tpy, and Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM_{2.5}) at 10.15 tpy; and greenhouse gas (CO₂e) > 75,000 tpy.

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 50, 61, 70, 71, 72, and 73; 40 CFR 63 Subparts HHH, DDDDD, ZZZZ; and 40 CFR 82 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 August 16, 2026.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P064R5 by contacting Cember Hardison at the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816, or by email at ceamber.hardison@env.nm.us. Comments may also be submitted electronically via the NMED public comment portal online at: <https://nmed.commentinput.com/comment/search>.

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.

The permit application is currently available for review on the AQB Public Notices of Permitting Actions website www.env.nm.gov/public-notice. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Cember Hardison at 505-629-6688.

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