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NMED Public Participation Policy 09-15

Public Involvement Plan for Solid Waste Facility Permit Application

City of Roswell Municipal Landfill
3006 Brasher Road
Roswell, New Mexico 88203

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1. Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Overview

The New Mexico Environment Department (Department), Resource Recovery Bureau (Bureau) developed this Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the Solid Waste Facility Permit Renewal and Modification Application for the City of Roswell's Roswell Municipal Landfill (RML) located at 3006 Brasher Road, Roswell, New Mexico 87203, and within the North ½, of Section 24, Township 11 South, Range 23 East, Chaves County, New Mexico.

The Bureau encourages the public to learn about and get involved in regulatory decision-making opportunities for RML. The purpose of this PIP is to provide public participation opportunities and information that may be needed to participate in the permitting process related to this site.

This PIP integrates information about the community and identifies resources needed by the Bureau to successfully incorporate community participation activities into the decision-making process for the permitting process. The PIP identifies the Department staff and resources needed to accomplish these activities.

The permitting process may require public participation throughout different stages. The Bureau will meet the public participation requirements for the permitting process by following this PIP, which includes all applicable policy, regulatory and statutory public notice and participation requirements.

In developing this PIP, community participation needs at the site were assessed to ensure appropriate promotion of public outreach by identifying whether there is a combination of environmental and demographic factors (i.e., low-income community, minority community, limited English proficiency individuals, Linguistically Isolated Households, etc.) that may impact public participation (refer to Element 4 of this PIP). This assessment identifies community outreach needs and provides for public access opportunities above and beyond statutorily mandated requirements and underscores the provision of adequate public access to information about the permitting process.

As much as possible, public participation and informational activities related to the permitting process will be held within the timelines outlined in the table below. This timeline is tentative and subject to change; activities subject to statutory or regulatory deadlines are noted.

In the timeline for this permitting process, public comments may be submitted to the Bureau prior to the Bureau's determination that the Solid Waste Facility Permit Application (Permit Application) is administratively complete. Upon a determination that the Permit Application is administratively complete, the Department must hold a public hearing prior to a decision on the Permit Application. In accordance with the Solid Waste Act (NMSA 1978, Section 74-9-23(B)), the Department must provide notice of the mandatory public hearing on the Permit Application within 60 days of deeming an application administratively complete. Public hearings afford the public the opportunity to participate in the permitting process by providing sworn testimony and/or public comments (both written and verbal) before a hearing officer, who will then prepare a hearing report and recommendation to the Department Secretary regarding the Permit Application. The site for RML is in a part of the state with a relatively large community of Spanish speakers, and the Bureau will provide pertinent information in both English and Spanish in public hearing notices.

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The hearing will be held in-person and remotely using internet video conferencing technology.

As deemed necessary based on knowledge of the surrounding community, arrangements may be made for interpretation services during the hearing, and arrangements may be requested for obtaining services for persons with disabilities. At any time during the permitting process, the Permit Application and relevant documents may be reviewed at the repository identified in Element 5 of this document.

More detailed information about planned Bureau outreach is available in this PIP.

Activity	**Dates**
Public notice of filing of the Permit Application with Resource Recovery Bureau (notice performed by Applicant)	August 31, 2026
Distribute PIP (website and repository)	October, 2026
Notice of Completeness Determination	To Be Determined (TBD)
Notice of Docketing and Appointment of Hearing Officer	TBD
Notice of Public Hearing on Permit Application (in English and Spanish) –	TBD – Posted to Department website at: https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/ TBD – Published in Local Newspaper TBD – Posted at Public Locations
Public Hearing Location: TBD	TBD

The Chief of the Resource Recovery Bureau provides final approval of the PIP and amendments. This PIP is a "living" document that may be amended after considering public comments and feedback.

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2. Contacts

If you have questions about the permitting process, site, or this PIP, please contact:

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Non-English Language Speaker Assistance and Accommodations

Non-English speakers may call the Bureau contact listed in this PIP and request language assistance services, such as an interpreter, so they can learn more about the permitting process. Services may be arranged for translation of documents for public hearings, for interpreters during public hearings, and for obtaining services for persons with disabilities. A phone-based interpretation service may be available for languages other than English.

If any person requires non-English Language Speaker Assistance, assistance for an interpreter or auxiliary aid (e.g., accommodations for persons who are disabled) to participate in public hearings related to the permitting process, should be directed to contact the Bureau, allowing at least 14 days prior to the hearing date:

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TDD or TTY users please access the number via the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-659- 1779 (voice); TTY users: 1-800-659-8331).

Department Websites

New Mexico Environment Department - https://www.env.nm.gov/
Resource Recovery Bureau - https://www.env.nm.gov/solid-waste

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3. Regulatory Framework for Public Participation

Both federal and state laws govern the management of solid waste. The United States Congress enacted the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, an amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1965, to ensure safe management and disposal of municipal and industrial waste generated nationwide. Responsibility for management of solid waste has been delegated from the federal government to the states. The State of New Mexico enacted the New Mexico Solid Waste Act in 1990 (NMSA 1978, Sections 74-9-1 through -43). The Solid Waste Act promotes several objectives, including establishment of a comprehensive solid waste management program in New Mexico, adoption of regulations pertaining to the management of solid waste, issuance of permits for construction and operation of solid waste facilities, and protection of public health, safety, and welfare. Solid waste management regulations have been promulgated and revised on several occasions by the Environmental Improvement Board; the current regulations are contained in the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) at 20.9.2 through 20.9.10 NMAC, 20.9.20 NMAC, and 20.9.25 NMAC. These regulations are referred to as the Solid Waste Rules (Rules). The most recent comprehensive revisions to the Solid Waste Rules were adopted in 2007.

The Bureau is responsible for oversight of the solid waste management program in New Mexico, including permitting of solid waste facilities, registration of small facilities and commercial waste haulers, and training of certified solid waste facility operators. The Bureau reviews solid waste facility Permit Applications to assess compliance with the requirements of the Solid Waste Act and Rules.

Once the Bureau has completed its review of the Permit Application, and it is deemed administratively complete, the Permit Application then moves into the hearing phase of the permitting process. As required by the Solid Waste Act, the Department holds public hearings on all Permit Applications for solid waste facilities. Deeming a Permit Application "administratively complete" does not mean that the Permit Application will be approved or a Permit will be issued without conditions. Rather, it simply means that the Applicant has addressed all the administrative requirements required by the Solid Wate Act and the Rules. Once the Bureau makes the completeness determination, a formal public hearing date will be set and the Department Secretary will determine whether the Permit Application should be issued, issued with conditions, or denied after considering all testimony and comments provided by the Bureau, Applicant, and any other interested parties or persons at the hearing.

The Department provides notice of public hearings in accordance with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. In accordance with the Solid Waste Act (NMSA 1978, Section 74-9-22), notice is provided by the following methods: written notice is provided to adjacent property owners, nearby governmental entities (municipalities, counties, tribes, and pueblos), and persons who make requests for public notice regarding specific Permit Applications; notice is published in a local newspaper as a legal advertisement and at another place in the newspaper designed to provide effective notice; and notice is posted at multiple locations in the vicinity of the facility. In accordance with the Publication of Notice Act (NMSA 1978, Section 14-11-10.2), the Department posts hearing notices on the Department's website.

It is common practice to provide notice of Permit Application hearings in both English and Spanish. Spanish versions of the notice are translated from English into Spanish by a certified translator. When appropriate, notice is provided in additional languages pertinent to the population in the

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vicinity of a solid waste facility. As an example, the Bureau used a Navajo- language certified court interpreter to translate public service announcements from English into the Navajo language and record the announcements on CD for distribution to Navajo chapters and Navajo-language radio stations in the vicinity of McKinley County Transfer Station.

Facility Background

RML is an existing solid waste facility that is currently operating under the Department's Solid Waste Facility Permit, SWM-040334, issued by the Bureau on August 31, 2007. RML is publicly owned and operated by the City of Roswell. RML meets the definition of "landfill" under the New Mexico Solid Waste Rules. The Permit Renewal and Modification Application was received by the Bureau on August 31, 2026.

The City of Roswell is seeking a Permit Renewal and Modification under 20.9.3.25 and 20.9.3.22 NMAC for RML, for the continued acceptance of MSW, including Construction & Demolition Debris, and proposes the additional acceptance of eight non-hazardous special wastes: PCS, asbestos, offal, sludge, ash, industrial solid waste (ISW), spill of a chemical substance or commercial product (spill), and special waste not otherwise specified (SWNOS). The Permit Application also seeks to modify the Permit to include a lateral expansion that proposes the addition of a 10.8-acre asbestos monofill. The facility currently operates from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday. The facility is closed on Sundays, and holidays. RML anticipates the receipt of approximately 347 tons of solid waste per day.

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4. Affected Communities and Stakeholders

To provide for adequate public participation opportunities and meaningful involvement of persons in the permitting process, and to address potential or existing environmental justice areas, the affected communities must first be identified, informed about proposed environmental actions affecting the community, and invited to share their comments and concerns. The NMED has developed the Archive Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (Version 2.3) (Archive EJScreen) which helps identify communities that are low income and minority populations that may benefit from a variety of approaches for notification and outreach communication. This information is used to help encourage the community's involvement in the public process for environmental activities or actions. In this case, the activity is the consideration of permit issuance for a solid waste facility.

An "EJScreen Community Report" was generated using Archive EJScreen for the area within a 4-mile radius of the current Roswell Municipal Landfill. The following information was obtained from the Report with State/US averages in parentheses:

- Total population: 65,157[1,2](2,117,522/331,449,281)[2]
- Per capita income, Chaves County (obtained from U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: $28,881
- Per capita income, USA (obtained from U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts): $44,673
    - Total population: 65,157[1,2](2,117,522/331,449,281)[2]
    - Number of households: 23,712[1,2](856,580 / 131,332,360)[2]
    - Median Income: $52,938[1,2] ($67,816 / $77,719)[2]
    - Percent low income 50% (39% / 30%)
    - Percent unemployed: 7% (6% / 6%)
    - Percent with less than high school education: 21% (14% / 11%)
    - Percent of people of color population: 70% (62% / 40%)
        - Percent Hispanic: 66%
        - Percent Black or African American (non-Hispanic, single race): 2%
        - Percent Asian (non-Hispanic, single race): 0%
        - Percent American Indian and Alaska Native (non-Hispanic, single race): 0%
        - Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic, single race): 0%
        - Other race (non-Hispanic, single race): 1%
        - Two or more races (non-Hispanic):1%

[1]Total values for Chaves County
[2]U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau Data)

Information from the archived EJScreen Community Report (see Attachment 1) was used to conduct an assessment of the need for services targeted to individuals of limited English proficiency (LEP). The percentage of linguistically-isolated households, i.e., all members age 14 years and over speak a non-English language and also speak English less than "very well" (have difficulty with English), is reported as 5 percent. The linguistically isolated population in New Mexico is 6 percent; the linguistically isolated population in the United States is 5 percent.

It is important for the Bureau to consider the linguistic and communication needs of the affected community when providing notice of public hearings on solid waste facility permit applications. Based on the Archive EJScreen results and the LEP assessment (see Attachment 2), the Bureau will

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provide information in Spanish and English when providing public announcements, such as for the notice of the public hearing on the Permit Application.

5. Detailed Public Participation and Outreach Activities for Solid Waste Facility Permit Application, Roswell Municipal Landfill

The Bureau welcomes questions or comments on solid waste facility permit applications at any time during the permitting process. The Bureau evaluates all public comments, places the comments in the administrative record for the permitting action, and incorporates public input into the Bureau's comments on Permit Applications as appropriate.

Decisions regarding issuance, issuance with conditions, or denial of solid waste facility Permit Applications are not made by the Bureau. Rather, such decisions are made by the Department Secretary following a public hearing. The public is encouraged to participate in public hearings as formal parties providing technical testimony, through written or verbal public comments, or as observers. Any person who intends to provide a technical written statement or oral testimony shall file a Statement of Intent to Present Technical Testimony on or before the deadline in the Notice of Hearing, but in no event later than fourteen days prior to the hearing, in accordance with 20.1.4.300(B) NMAC. All testimony and comments provided at a public hearing are evaluated by a Hearing Officer, who prepares a written report and recommendation regarding Permit Application approval, approval with conditions, or denial for the Secretary's consideration.

The plans for facilitating public participation in the permitting action for the RML are detailed below.

Public Notice Requirements per Applicable Laws

The Solid Waste Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 74-9-22) and the Solid Waste Rules (20.9.3.8(G) NMAC) address notice to be provided by the Applicant to the public regarding the submittal of a solid waste facility Permit Application. This notice is provided at the start of the permitting process and informs the public that the Bureau's review of a Permit Application has begun. It is common practice for Applicants to provide notice of the submittal of a Permit Application in English and Spanish. The Applicant provided notice in the following manner:

1. Notice was provided by certified mail to the owners of record, as shown by the most recent property tax schedule, and tax-exempt entities of record, of all properties:
    a. within 100 feet of the property on which the facility is located or proposed to be located if the facility is or will be in a Class A or Class H county or a municipality with a population of more than 2,500 persons.
    b. within one-half mile of the property on which the facility is located or proposed to be located if the facility is or will be in a Class B county or a municipality with a population of 2,500 or less.
2. Notice was provided by certified mail to all municipalities and counties in which the facility is or will be located and to the governing body of any county, municipality, Indian tribe or pueblo when the boundary of the territory of the county, municipality, Indian tribe or pueblo is within 10 miles of the property on which the facility is proposed to be constructed, operated or closed.

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3. Notice was provided to all parties and interested participants of record for a permit modification or renewal.
4. Notice was published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the facility is proposed to be constructed, operated or closed; this notice appeared in either the classified or legal advertisements section of the newspaper and at one other place in the newspaper calculated to give the general public the most effective notice; notice was also provided to residents of each community that is or will be affected significantly by the existing or proposed solid waste facility at least once in one or more other media in a manner that effectively reaches a substantial number of members of each community, and where printed shall be printed in both English and Spanish.
5. Notice was posted in at least eight publicly accessible and conspicuous places, including the proposed or existing entrance to the property on which the facility is or is proposed to be located.

Note: The notice performed by the Applicant occurs before the Bureau receives a Permit Application and before the Bureau has an opportunity to determine if additional services are necessary to communicate with individuals of limited English proficiency (LEP).

After the determination that the Permit Application is administratively complete, the Bureau provides notice of public hearing. The Solid Waste Act (NMSA 1978, Section 74-9-23(B)) addresses notice for solid waste facility Permit Application hearings. NMSA 1978, Section 74-9-23(B) requires the performance of notice for a permit application hearing in the same manner as required in NMSA 1978, Section 74-9-22. Section 74-9-22 identifies the following actions for the performance of notice:

1. Notice must be provided by certified mail to the owners of record, as shown on the most recent property tax schedule, of all properties:
   a. within 100 feet of the property on which the facility is located (or proposed to be located) if the facility is (or will be) in a Class A or H county or a municipality with a population of more than 2,500 persons.
   b. within one-half mile of the property on which the facility is located or proposed to be located if the facility is or will be in a Class B county or a municipality with a population of 2,500 or less.
2. Notice must be provided by certified mail to all municipalities and counties in which the facility is (or will be) located and to the governing body of any county, municipality, Indian tribe, or pueblo when the boundary of the territory of the county, municipality, Indian tribe, or pueblo is within a 10-mile radius of the property on which the facility is (or is proposed to be) constructed, operated or closed.
3. Notice must be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the property on which the facility is (or is proposed to be) constructed, operated or closed is located. This notice must appear in either the classified or legal advertisements section of the newspaper and at one other place in the newspaper calculated to give the general public the most effective notice and, when appropriate, must be printed in both English and Spanish.
4. Notice must be posted in at least four publicly accessible and conspicuous places, including the proposed or existing facility entrance on the property on which the facility is (or is proposed to be) located.

NMSA 1978, Section 74-9-23(B) requires additional actions associated with notice of hearing:

1. Notice must be provided to any person who makes a written request to the NMED for notice

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regarding a specific application.
2. Notice must be made within 60 days of the determination that an application is complete.

The Notice of Publication Act (NMSA 1978, Section 14-11-2) further requires that legal notices be published in daily, tri-weekly, semi-weekly, or weekly newspapers of general circulation that can be obtained by single copy in the county in which the notice is required to be published. Such newspapers, if published daily, must have been published in the county continuously and without interruption during the six-month period prior to the publication of notice; if published tri-weekly, semi-weekly, or weekly, the newspapers must have been published in the county continuously and without interruption for 26 consecutive weeks prior to the publication of notice. NMSA 1978, Section 14-11-10.2 requires state agencies to post their notices on agency websites.

Hearing notices will be provided in both English and Spanish. Spanish-language notices are translated from English into Spanish by a certified translator. Notice will be provided at least 30 days prior to a hearing.

Proposed Public Participation & Outreach Activities for the Roswell Municipal Landfill

The Applicant completed the required public notice for the Permit Application in August 2026. The Bureau will perform the following public participation and outreach activities during the review phase of the permitting process for the RML Permit Renewal Application:

> **Information Repository**: An electronic copy of the draft Permit Application is posted for public review through the Department website at: https://www.env.nm.gov/solid-waste/permitting-and-registration-program/. Scroll to the bottom of the page and look for the "Public involvement Plans" heading and select the application link for the Roswell Municipal Landfill.

The following public participation and outreach activities will be performed during the hearing phase (i.e., after the Permit Renewal Application is deemed administratively complete) of the permitting process for the RML.

1. **Mailing of Hearing Notice:**
   a. The Department will provide notice by certified mail to property owners of record within one-half mile of the facility. As required by 20.9.3.17.C NMAC, the Applicant will obtain property ownership information from the Chaves County Assessor and will submit this information to the Bureau.
   b. The Department will provide notice by certified mail to the municipality and county in which the facility is located, and to all municipalities, counties, tribes, and pueblos located within 10 miles of the facility. The following governmental entities will be notified:
      - Chaves County
      - City of Roswell
      - Bureau of Land Management
      - New Mexico State Land Office

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- United States Department of Defense
- New Mexico Department of Wildlife
- New Mexico State Parks
- Town of Dexter
- Town of Hagerman
- Lincoln County

c. The Bureau will provide notice by first class mail or e-mail to other potentially interested persons (e.g., federal or state government agencies, persons who attended the most recent hearing regarding an application for a solid waste facility based on available Bureau records, etc.).
d. The Bureau will provide notice by first class mail or e-mail to all persons who inform the Bureau that they have an interest in the pending Permit Application for the facility. Persons who inform the Bureau of their interest in a Permit Application will be added to an "interested persons mailing list" for the public hearing.
e. Mailed notices will be provided in English and Spanish.

2. **Publication of Hearing Notice:** The notice will be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility is proposed to be located. The Roswell Daily Record will be used for notice publication. The notice will be published in the classified or legal advertisements section of the newspaper and as a display advertisement at another location in the newspaper. The notice will be published in English and Spanish.
3. **Physical Posting of Hearing Notice in Vicinity of Facility:** The Bureau will post hearing notices at a minimum of four (4) publicly accessible and conspicuous places, including the facility entrance. Provided permission is obtained for notice posting, the Bureau will post notice at libraries, community centers, senior centers, government offices, and/or post offices. Physically-posted notices will be provided in English and Spanish.
4. **Electronic Posting of Hearing Notice:** The Bureau will post the hearing notice on the Department's website (https://www.env.nm.gov/solid-waste/permitting-and-registration-program/). Electronically-posted notices will be provided in English and Spanish.

In accordance with the Solid Waste Act requirement, all required notice actions will be performed within 60 days of the date the Permit Application is deemed administratively complete. Further, the Bureau will provide notice of the Permit Application hearing at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

Hearing Location and Scheduling

The public hearing for the Permit Application will be held in-person and remotely using an internet video conferencing platform on a date, time and place to be determined once the Permit Application is deemed administratively complete. In the event the Hearing Officer determines that a hearing will require more than one day to complete, the hearing will continue on subsequent days, and the hearing start times on the initial day and subsequent days may be adjusted accordingly.

Contingency Plan for Unexpected Events

Should unexpected events prevent the public hearing from being held as scheduled after issuance of the hearing notice, the Bureau will use a variety of methods to inform the public of the postponement. The Bureau may notify the public by postal mailings, e-mails, PSAs, and website postings.

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Attachment 1: Preliminary Screening (Archive EJSCREEN)

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EJSCREEN COMMUNITY REPORT

This report summarizes environmental and socioeconomic information for user-defined areas and combines that data into environmental justice and supplemental indexes.

Summary of Analysis

4 Mile Ring Centered at Roswell Municipal Landfill
Area in Square Miles: 50.27
Population: 27,677

ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESIDENTIAL POPULATION INDICATORS DATA

	VALUE	STATE AVG	PERCENTILE IN STATE	USA AVG	PERCENTILE IN USA	RATIO TO US AVG	RATIO TO STATE AVG
POLLUTION AND SOURCES							
Particulate Matter PM 2.5in ug/m3	5.96	6.11	44	8.45	5	0.7	1.0
Ozone (ppb)	63.3	65.3	25	61.8	64	1.0	1.0
Nitrogen Dioxide (N02)	8.0	8.1	43	7.8	55	1.0	1.0
Diesel Particulate Matter (ug/m3)	0.109	0.187	49	0.191	32	0.6	0.6
Toxic Releases to Air	0	29	30	4,600	2	0.0	0.0
Traffic Proximity and Vol. (daily traffic count/distance to road)	260,000	730,000	55	1,700,000	29	0.2	0.4
Lead Paint Indicator (% pre-1960s housing)	44%	19%	85	30%	70	1.5	2.3
Superfund Proximity (site count/km distance)	2.99	0.34	97	0.39	97	7.6	8.9
RMP Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.15	0.20	66	0.57	40	0.3	0.8
Hazardous Waste Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.4	1.2	50	3.5	29	0.1	0.3
Under Ground Storage Tanks (UST indicator	8.0	2.8	90	3.6	86	2.2	2.9
Wastewater Discharge Indicator (toxicity-weighted concentration/distance)	0	990,000	31	700,000	9	0.0	0.0
Drinking Water Non-Compliance	0.0	5.58	0	2.2	0	0.0	0.0
RESIDENTIAL POPULATION INDICATORS							
Demographic Index USA	2.27	2.16	64	1.34	83	1.7	1.2
Supplemental Demographic Index USA	2.41	1.62	78	1.64	87	1.5	1.3
% Low Income	50%	39%	67	30%	81	1.6	1.3
% in Limited English-Speaking Households	5%	6%	66	5%	76	1.1	0.9
% Unemployed (among civilian labor force)	7%	6%	65	6%	72	1.3	1.1
% with Less Than High School Education	21%	14%	75	11%	82	1.8	1.5
% under Age 5	6%	5%	64	5%	59	1.1	1.1
% over Age 64	15%	20%	41	18%	46	0.8	0.8
% People of Color	70%	62%	58	40%	78	1.8	1.1

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUMMARY & SUPPLEMENTAL INDEXES

The environmental justice summary and supplemental indexes are a combination of environmental and residential population information. For each of the environmental indicators, there is an EJ Index and a Supplemental EJ Index that allows users to screen for potential EJ concerns. To do this, the EJ index combines data on low income and people of color populations with a single environmental indicator. The indexes for a selected area are compared to those for all other locations in the state or nation.

	PERCENTILE IN STATE	PERCENTILE IN USA
EJ INDEXES		
Particulate Matter Summary Index	62	17
Ozone Summary Index	34	86
Nitrogen Dioxide (N02) Summary Index	62	79
Diesel Particulate Matter Summary Index	62	63
Toxic Releases to Air Summary Index	43	6
Traffic Proximity and Volume Summary Index	70	58
Lead Paint Summary Index	85	87
Superfund Proximity Summary Index	89	94
RMP Proximity Summary Index	77	69
Hazardous Waste Proximity Summary Index	65	59
Underground Storage Tanks Summary Index	78	85
Wastewater Discharge Summary Index	42	27
Drinking Water Non-Compliance Summary Index	0	0
SUPPLEMENTAL EJ INDEXES		
Particulate Matter Supplemental Summary Index	68	9
Ozone Supplemental Summary Index	38	88
Nitrogen Dioxide (N02) Supplemental Summary Index	68	80
Diesel Particulate Matter Supplemental Summary Index	71	58
Toxic Releases to Air Supplemental Summary Index	47	3
Traffic Proximity and Volume Supplemental Summary Index	76	52
Lead Paint Supplemental Summary Index	89	87
Superfund Proximity Supplemental Summary Index	94	96
RMP Proximity Supplemental Summary Index	84	64
Hazardous Waste Proximity Supplemental Summary Index	74	52
Underground Storage Tanks Supplemental Summary Index	82	86
Wastewater Discharge Supplemental Summary Index	48	16
Drinking Water Non-Compliance Supplemental Summary Index	0	0

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	VALUE	RATIO TO US AVG	RATIO TO STATE AVG
BREAKDOWN BY POPULATION GROUP			
% Hispanic or Latino	66%	3.7	1.4
% Black or African American (non-Hispanic, single race)	2%	0.2	1.1
% Asian (non-Hispanic, single race)	0%	0	0.1
% American Indian and Alaska Native (non-Hispanic, single race)	0%	0.6	0
% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic, single race)	0%	0	0
% Other race (non-Hispanic, single race)	1%	1.3	1.6
% Two or more races (non-Hispanic)	1%	0.4	0.6
% White (non-Hispanic, single race)	30%	0.5	0.8
% Females	66%	3.7	1.4
% Males	2%	0.2	1.1
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME			
% speaking non-English languages at home	34%	1.6	1.1
% speaking Other Indo-European at home	0%	0.1	0.2
% speaking Asian and Pacific Island language at home	0%	0.1	0.2
% speaking Arabic, Other, and unspecified languages at home	0%	0.2	0
% speaking English at home	66%	0.8	1
% speaking Spanish at home	34%	2.6	1.3
% speaking Spanish (as % of limited English households)	100%	4.5	2.3
POVERTY			
% Households below Poverty Level	23%	1.7	1.2
Per Capita Income	$23,220	N/A	N/A

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Attachment 2: Limited English Proficiency Assessment

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Attachment 2:
Limited-English Proficiency (LEP) Assessment

Facility: Roswell Municipal Landfill (RML)
Location: 33°20'42.34"N, and 104°34'3.03"W, (North ½, Section 24, Township 11 South, Range 23 East, Chaves County, New Mexico.)
Buffer: 4 miles
Date: September 1, 2026

Factor 1: The Number and Proportion of LEP Individuals Eligible to be Served or Likely to be Encountered in the Community of Concern

(*See* Attachment 1 "Archive EJScreen Community Report").
1. The percentage of limited English-speaking households in the affected community is 5%.
2. The percentage of limited English-speaking households in New Mexico is 6%.
3. Spanish is the only non-English language spoken by LEP persons in the affected community.
4. Historical participation: The public hearing on the initial landfill permit (issued by the Bureau on July 19, 2007) was held in Roswell, New Mexico, on June 5, 2007. There were no interested parties or participants of record listed in the 2007 hearing officer's report, nor the Bureau's Permit Conditions for the facility. However, 11 individuals and entities were identified as interested parties from a Community Meeting held March 7, 2007. The interested parties, as listed in Volume VI, Table VI.2.3 in the Permit Application, received a Notice of Application in addition to those outlined in Element 5 per 20.9.3.8(G) NMAC. No comments have been received.

Factor 2: Frequency with which LEP Individuals Come in Contact with the Program

Frequency Assessment ("frequent" / "occasional" / "not frequent") – not frequent

This determination is based on the performance from a long-running sequence of permit application hearings since 2011. In two cases, the Bureau determined that language interpretation services might be required at the hearing to service LEP persons and provided such services. Interpretation services were used in one instance (Southwest Landfill, LLC), but the interpreter at the other hearing (Northwestern New Mexico Regional Landfill) was dismissed after one day as hearing attendees were not utilizing the service. Historically, interpretation services have been needed for one other facility (Camino Real Landfill).

Factor 3: **Nature and Importance of the Activity or Service Provided by the Program**

All solid waste facilities are required by the Solid Waste Act to obtain a permit prior to construction and operation. Permit applications are reviewed by the Resource Recovery Bureau to assess compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements. Once the application is deemed "administratively complete," a mandatory hearing is held to gather testimony and comment from all interested persons and entities. The record created at the hearing is then forwarded to the Secretary of the Department for consideration and determination regarding permit issuance.

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The permitting activity is deemed by the Resource Recovery Bureau to be "important" to the Department, the impacted community, and the State of New Mexico. The permitting activity is important to the Department because the permit established site-specific requirements that must be met to ensure protection of public health, welfare, and the environment. The permitting activity is important to the impacted community because poorly-operated solid waste facilities have the potential to pose a public nuisance and adversely affect the quality of life of people living in the vicinity of the facility. The permitting activity is important to the State of New Mexico because establishment of effective permits ensures that solid waste facilities will not impact the State's limited groundwater resources and waste disposal is conducted in a consistent manner throughout the State.

Factor 4: **Resources Available to NMED for LEP Services and Associated Costs**

In accordance with statutory requirements, public notice for permit hearings is conducted in both English and Spanish, and the services of a certified translator are used for creation of Spanish-language notices. This translation cost is included in the Bureau's annual budget requests. As the need for additional translation/interpretation services has typically been limited, the Bureau has been able to provide these additional services within budgetary constraints.

LEP Services Plan:

Notice of the permit application hearing will be provided in both English and Spanish, which is consistent with statutory requirements and past practice and is appropriate given the demographic characteristics of the area surrounding the proposed facility. Although the program's contact with LEP individuals has not been frequent, the proportion of LEP individuals within 4 miles of the facility is significant. The Bureau is not planning to provide further LEP services at this time, however, if the Bureau receives requests for additional LEP services from members of the community, the Bureau will reconsider providing additional LEP services.