



January 22, 2026

Sent By Certified Mail

Dan McGuire  
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Re: Air Quality Permit Application No. 10732 (Agency Interest No. 41309 - PRN20250001)

Dear Dan McGuire:

This letter is in response to your air quality permit application dated November 12, 2025, to construct the East Microgrid near Santa Teresa, New Mexico in Doña Ana County. The application was received by the Department on November 17, 2025. This letter addresses the Completeness Determination, Legal Notice and Comment, and Invoice for Permit Fee and is intended for use by the applicant, interested individuals and groups, and the appropriate NMED Field Office.

Completeness Determination

A preliminary review has been completed and the information provided is sufficient to complete an evaluation of your permit application. Therefore, your application was ruled administratively complete on January 22, 2026. Under the requirements of 20.2.72 NMAC, the Department anticipates issuing or denying this permit on or before April 22, 2026.

Public Notice and Comment

The Department will publish a legal notice that will be sent to the NMED district or field office nearest the source (see enclosed). It describes the proposed facility, a summary of estimated emissions and ambient impact, the Department's preliminary intent to issue the permit, and the provisions for public comment.

The Department's analysis includes the Statement of Basis and is prepared as part of the technical review of the permit application. All interested persons have thirty (30) days from the date the public notice is published to notify the Department in writing of their interest in the permit application. The Department will notify all such persons of when and where the Department's analysis may be reviewed. Interested persons may review the Department's analysis for thirty (30) days after it becomes available at the NMED district or field office nearest the source. Written comments on the analysis or permit application and requests for a public hearing may be submitted to the Department during this second thirty (30) day period or any time before the permit is issued or denied.

The Department will hold a public hearing if the Secretary determines there is significant public interest in the permit application. The Department will also determine the time, date, and place of the hearing and shall notify the applicant and the public. At the hearing, all interested persons shall be given a reasonable chance to submit data, views, or arguments orally or in writing, and to examine witnesses testifying at the hearing.

After the permit is issued or denied, the Department will mail written notice of the action taken on a permit application to all persons who submitted written comments or evidence on the application.

#### Invoice for Permit Fee

In accordance with 20.2.75 NMAC, this letter includes an invoice for the remaining balance of the required permit fee in the amount of \$25,104.00 (outstanding balance \$24,604.00). This fee is due within thirty (30) days of the date ruled administratively complete. 20.2.75 NMAC states that the Department shall deny any permit application or request for permit revision if the required permit fee has not been paid. This fee is not refundable. An enforcement/compliance fee will also be assessed annually. All fees shall be remitted in the form of a corporate check, certified check, or money order made payable to the New Mexico Environment Department and shall be accompanied by the enclosed remittance slip. Fees shall be submitted to NM Environment Department, AQB at the address shown on the invoice.

20.2.72.200.E NMAC states: "for all sources subject to this regulation applications for permits shall be filed prior to the commencement of construction, modification, or installation. Regardless of the anticipated commencement date, no construction, modification, or installation shall begin prior to issuance of the permit."

If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-699-7132 or [abra.ziegler@env.nm.gov](mailto:abra.ziegler@env.nm.gov).

Sincerely,

Abra Ziegler  
Supervisor – PSD Permitting Unit  
Permits Section  
Air Quality Bureau

cc via email: Jesse Lovegren, Trinity Consultants - [Jesse.Lovegren@trinityconsultants.com](mailto:Jesse.Lovegren@trinityconsultants.com)

cc via regular mail: Las Cruces NMED District/Field Office

#### **\*Minor and Major Source Emission Inventory in 2023\***

P.S. The NM Environment Department – Air Quality Bureau (Bureau) will conduct a Minor and Major Source Emissions Inventory (per 20.2.73.300 NMAC) for calendar year 2023. This inventory will apply to all sources with air quality construction permits (20.2.72 NMAC), including General Construction Permits (GCPs), and Title V Operating Permit (20.2.70 NMAC). It will also apply to Notices of Intent (NOIs) sources (20.2.73 NMAC). Facility-wide emissions during the calendar year 2023 must be calculated and reported to the Bureau during the period of January 1 through April 1, 2024, using the online reporting tool specified by the Bureau.

We encourage you to sign up for the Minor and Major Source Emissions Inventory bulletins at:  
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/NMED/subscriber/new> to receive updates and guidance on the implementation of this requirement.

Enclosures Sent with Letter:

- Legal Notice – Attachment A
- Permit fee invoice
- NMED District or Field Office Request – Attachment B

Public Notice Only (no copy of the completion or other enclosures are provided):

- Individuals on the 20.2.72.206 NMAC, Section A(4) Public Notice List, by email
- Public Notice only to EPA Region 6 by email to [r6airpermits@epa.gov](mailto:r6airpermits@epa.gov)

Legal Notice  
and  
Preliminary Determination for an Air Quality Permit for  
Acoma LLC

Acoma LLC, at 600 Congress Ave Ste 15041, Austin, TX, has submitted an air quality permit application to the Air Quality Bureau (AQB), New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality permit to construct/modify East Microgrid. The application file has been assigned Permit No. 10732 and TEMPO Agency Interest No. 41309. The exact location of the facility is/will be at latitude and longitude decimal degrees: 31.8183, -106.6792 Datum: WGS 84. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 3.6 miles S of Santa Teresa in Dona Ana County, NM.

The function of this facility is to convert heat into mechanical energy using a simple-cycle gas turbine which operates in three main steps: compression, combustion, and expansion.

The proposed construction will consist of seven (7) Siemens SGT6 5000F 244.5 MW natural gas-fired (NGF) combustion turbines, and two (2) SGT6 9000HL 340.8 MW turbines; equipped with Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) for control of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), and oxidation catalysts for the control of carbon monoxide (CO), volatile organic compounds (VOC), and formaldehyde. All turbines will be equipped with CEMs to continually measure NO<sub>x</sub> and CO emissions. Emissions include planned startup, shutdown, and maintenance operations of the turbines.

Total air pollutant emissions to the atmosphere are estimated to be approximately: Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) at 245.0 tons per year (tpy); Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 245.0 tpy; Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 67.8 tpy; Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) at 106.1 tpy; Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM<sub>10</sub>) at 189.4 tpy; Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) at 189.4 tpy; Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) at 516.9 tpy; and greenhouse gas (CO<sub>2</sub>e) > 75,000 tpy. These emission estimates could change slightly during the course of the Department's review of the application.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. The preliminary review and applicant's analysis of ambient air quality impacts indicates that the facility's air emissions will meet the air quality standards for NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. VOCs are a pre-cursor to ozone and the NMED does not require an individual ozone ambient impact analysis for each application. To determine compliance with national ambient air quality standards for ozone, NMED uses air monitors to monitor ozone concentrations. A full review will evaluate the estimated emission rates for the pollutants listed in this public notice and determine compliance with ambient air quality requirements and standards.

Based on the applicant's analysis, a preliminary determination is that this facility will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 1, 7, 23, 33, 61, 70, 72, 73, 75, and 77; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A and KKKK; and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality permit on or before April 22, 2026. This source is a PSD minor source according to 20.2.74 NMAC.

To ensure compliance with state and federal air regulations, the permit is expected to include conditions that limit the emissions, hours of operation, and production rate, and conditions that will require record keeping and reporting to the Department.

The permit application is available for review on the AQB Public Notices of Permitting Actions website [www.env.nm.gov/public-notice](http://www.env.nm.gov/public-notice).

## Attachment A – Legal Notice

All interested persons have thirty (30) days from the date this notice is published to notify the Department in writing of their interest in the permit application. The written comments should refer to the company name, facility name, and Permit No. (or send a copy of this notice along with your comments). The written comments shall state the nature of the issues raised and how it relates to the requirements of applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. The written comments should be mailed to, New Mexico Environment Dept., Air Quality Bureau, Permitting Section, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816, or submitted by email to [aqb-acoma-microgrids@env.nm.gov](mailto:aqb-acoma-microgrids@env.nm.gov). Comments may also be submitted electronically via the NMED public comment portal online at: <https://nmed.commentinput.com/comment/search>.

The Department will notify all persons who have provided written comments as to when and where the Department's analysis may be reviewed. Although all written comments will be made part of the public record, any person who does not express interest in writing before the end of this first thirty (30) day period will not receive such notification.

If the Department receives written public comment before the end of the Department's thirty (30) day public notice, the Department's analysis will be made available for review for thirty (30) days at the NMED district or field office nearest to the source before the permit will be issued. Written comments on the analysis or permit application may be submitted to the Department during this second thirty (30) day period or at any time before the permit is issued or denied.

Questions or comments not intended to be part of the public record can be directed to [aqb-acoma-microgrids@env.nm.gov](mailto:aqb-acoma-microgrids@env.nm.gov). General information about air quality and the permitting process can be found at the Air Quality Bureau's website. The regulation referencing public participation in the permit review process is 20.2.72.206 NMAC. This regulation can be found in the "Permits" section of this website.

### **Atención**

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) 629-3395.

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Attachment B – Field Office Request

District or Field Office Request

- The attached completeness letter and Legal Notice, which include website links, are being sent to your office in accordance with 20.2.72.206 NMAC - Public Notice and Participation, which states: "the Department shall make available for public inspection the permit application, the Department’s analysis, and the Department’s preliminary determination. This material shall be available both at the Department’s central office and the district or field office nearest to the proposed source.” The Legal Notice contains the Department’s preliminary determination.
- The following website link on the **NMED Public Participation webpage** shows where the public may go to find documents for this permit action, such as application, draft permit, and Department analysis:

<https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/>

For this permit action scroll down to Doña Ana County to find documents loaded to the website and look for Doña Ana County-East Microgrid.

**Public Notices**

This page lists public notices for rulemakings, permitting actions and any appeals of the action. Any rulemaking hearing or specific permitting or enforcement matter appealed to a board, commission or Environment Department Secretary is found on our [Docketed Matters webpage](#) once it is docketed.

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