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## NMED reviews abatement plan at former San Juan station

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Environment Department is reviewing a plan to investigate potential soil and groundwater contamination at the former San Juan Generating Station near Waterflow.

The department's Ground Water Quality Bureau received a Stage 1 Abatement Plan proposal for the site, a coal-fired power plant north of Waterflow and Fruitland. The facility, owned by the Public Service Company of New Mexico, operated from 1973 to 2022 and is currently undergoing demolition.

Site operations — including power generation, supporting activities, landfilling, sewage treatment, and hazardous waste management — may have contributed to soil and groundwater contamination in the area. The extent and magnitude of any contamination are currently under investigation. The proposed plan outlines a comprehensive approach to evaluating potential environmental impacts, including targeted soil and soil vapor sampling, groundwater sampling from existing monitoring wells, and the installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells.

The purpose of the plan is to design and carry out a site investigation that will generate the data needed to identify an effective abatement option. Once site characterization is complete and NMED approves a final Site Investigation Report, the department will require a Stage 2 Abatement Plan outlining strategies to remediate site contamination.

The plan is available for review at https://service.web.env.nm.gov/urls/srITKgfY. For more information, contact Paul Chamberlain, state cleanup program team leader, at 505-670-2571 or paul.chamberlain@env.nm.gov, or email ros.general@env.nm.gov. This notice is provided pursuant to 20.6.2.4108(A) NMAC.

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