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PUBLIC NOTICE OF STAGE 2 ABATEMENT PLAN MODIFICATION

Notice is hereby given that on October 31, 2016, Epic Midstream, LLC (formerly NuStar Terminals Operations Partnership, L.P.) proposed a Stage 2 Abatement action at their facility located at 6026 U.S. Highway 54 South, approximately five miles south of Alamogordo, New Mexico. Groundwater in the vicinity of this facility is impacted with separate and dissolved phase hydrocarbons. The proposed abatement action modification includes the introduction of air into the groundwater (sparging) for a 6-month test period. Interim action began on November 14, 2016. This pilot test is being conducted before the end of the public comment period to help determine whether air sparging will be effective in reducing groundwater contaminant concentrations. If the pilot test is successful, then this modification will become permanent and air sparging will continue as the chosen remediation method for the site.

The proposal is being reviewed by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in accordance with New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) 20.6.2.4103. A copy of the original abatement plan and Stage 2 Abatement Plan Modification can be viewed by the public at NMED, 2301 Entrada del Sol, Las Cruces, NM 88001, (575) 915-1153 or on the NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau Public Notice webpage at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/gwb/NMED-GWQB-PublicNotice.htm>. Written comments on the abatement plan modification and requests for a public meeting or hearing that include the reasons why a meeting or hearing should be held, will be accepted for consideration by NMED through February 6, 2017. Please submit comments and/or requests to Ray Montes at ray.montes@state.nm.us.

For further information, interested parties may contact NMED at (575) 915-1153 or GHD at (505) 884-0672.