

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

El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. at 1001 Louisiana, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77002 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 at latitude: 32 deg, 4 min, 58.33 sec; longitude: -104 deg, 29 min, 10.79 sec; and 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 P064-R4 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 220.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The main purpose of the facility is to compresses 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 action involves no changes.

The emissions, as established in NSR Permit 0428-M7 and brought forward into this permit, are as follows. There is a minor change to the existing air emission limits in this permitting action. Parentheses note changes in emissions from previous operating permit – P064-R3. Emissions are expressed in tons per year (tpy). Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) at 247.9 tpy (no change); Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 244.2 tpy (no change); Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 208.1 tpy (no change); Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) at 4.8 tpy (-0.1); Particulate Matter (PM) at 10.2 tpy (no change); Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) at 10.2 tpy (no change); Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM_{2.5}) at 10.2 tpy (no change); and greenhouse gas (CO₂e) at <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 1, 7, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, and 82; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A, HHH, ZZZZ, and DDDDD; 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 January 1, 2021.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P064-R4 by contacting Olivia Yu at the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816.

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.

Due to the public health emergency order, certain NMED offices are closed to the public. The permit application is currently available for review on the AQB Public Notices of Permitting Actions website www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/public-notice-of-permitting-actions/. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Olivia Yu at 505-476-4338.

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