

Legal Notice  
For  
Air Quality Operating Permit  
for Clovis Plant of Southwest Cheese Company

**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 505-476-5557.**

Southwest Cheese Company at P.O. Box 1509; Clovis, NM 88102 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its Clovis Plant. The owner of this plant is Southwest Cheese Company. The exact location of the facility is at 1141 Curry Road, Clovis, NM 88101. The latitude and longitude decimal degrees are: 34.314861, - 103.221528 Datum: NAD83. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 6.8 mi south of Clovis in Curry County, NM. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P280-M2 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 19971.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The main purpose of the facility is to process milk, cream, and starter to produce cheese, whey protein concentrate, and whey protein isolate. This operating permit application is for a minor modification to the permit. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves adding a Compliance Assurance Monitoring plan (per 40 CFR 64) for baghouses DBH1 and DBH2, which are control devices for units DRY1 and DRY2.

There are no changes to the existing air emission limits in this permitting action. The emissions, as established in NSR Permit 3008-M4-R2 and brought forward into this permit are as follows. Emissions are expressed in tons per year (tpy). Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) at 62.3 tpy; Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 115.1 tpy; Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 24.8 tpy; Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) at 34.2 tpy; Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM<sub>10</sub>) at 25.7 tpy; Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) at 24.9 tpy; and greenhouse gas (CO<sub>2</sub>e) >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 7, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, and 82; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A, Dc, and IIII; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A and ZZZZ; 40 CFR 64; 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 August 24, 2021.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P280-M2 by contacting Vanessa Springer at the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816, or by email at [Vanessa.Springer@state.nm.us](mailto:Vanessa.Springer@state.nm.us).

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/](http://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/public-notice-of-permitting-actions/). The Department contact in Santa Fe is Vanessa Springer at 505-476-4373 or [vanessa.springer@state.nm.us](mailto:vanessa.springer@state.nm.us).

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