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 exact location of the facility is at latitude 34 deg, 18 min, 53.5 sec and longitude -103 deg, 13 min, 17.5 sec, Datum: NAD83. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 1411 Curry Road 4, Clovis, NM 88101 in Curry county. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P280 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 for cheese production. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action is for the initial Title V Operating Permit for the Southwest Cheese Company - Clovis Plant.

The estimated maximum air pollutant emissions to the atmosphere from this facility, after the requested operating permit is issued, are as follows. Emissions are expressed in tons per year (tpy). The facility is a minor, <100,000 tpy CO₂e, source of greenhouse gas emissions. Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) at 62.3 tpy; Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 115.1 tpy; Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 24.8 tpy; Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) at 34.2 tpy; Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) at 25.7 tpy; and Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM₂.₅) at 24.9 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; 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 April 22, 2020.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P280 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.

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.

The permit application, draft permit and relevant supporting materials are currently available for review at the Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Vanessa Springer at 505-476-4373. 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.

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