

Legal Notice  
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Preliminary Determination for an Air Quality Permit for  
Tri- State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

Tri- State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. at PO Box 33695, Denver, CO has submitted an air quality permit application to the Air Quality Bureau (AQB), New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality permit to modify Prewitt Escalante Restoration. The application file has been assigned Permit No. PSD0285-M5 and TEMPO Agency Interest No. 911. The exact location of the facility is at latitude and longitude decimal degrees: 35.415787, -108.081894 Datum: NAD83. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is County Road 19 in McKinley County, NM.

The proposed modification will consist of 1) removing equipment which transferred ownership and operation of the existing auxiliary boiler and water treatment plant to McKinley Paper Company's Prewitt Mill on January 28, 2021, 2) removing equipment which will transfer operation of the fly ash system (S1 of E1, E67, E67A, E67B) to Salt River Materials Group (SRMG), and 3) increase the allowable hours of operation of the plant heating boiler from 2190 to 4350 hours per year to ensure that pipes and other equipment don't freeze in the winter months. Presently, the plant heating boiler, Unit E81, is allowed to operate 2190 hours per year and that the plant heating boiler be allowed to combust either natural gas or propane.

Total air pollutant emissions to the atmosphere are estimated to be approximately Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) at 23.0 tons per year (tpy); Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 19.1 tpy; Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 1.5 tpy; Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) at 0.14 tpy; Particulate Matter (PM) at 49.3 tpy, Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM<sub>10</sub>) at 14.2 tpy, and Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) at 3.1 tpy, and greenhouse gas (CO<sub>2</sub>e) < 75,000 tpy These emission estimates could change slightly during the course of the Department's review of the application.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. The preliminary review and applicant's analysis of ambient air quality impacts indicates that the facility's air emissions will meet the air quality standards for NOx, CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>. VOCs are a pre-cursor to ozone and the NMED does not require an individual ozone ambient impact analysis for each application. To determine compliance with national ambient air quality standards for ozone, NMED uses air monitors to monitor ozone concentrations. A full review will evaluate the estimated emission rates for the pollutants listed in this public notice and determine compliance with ambient air quality requirements and standards.

Based on the applicant's analysis, a preliminary determination is that this facility will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 1, 3, 7, 61, 72, 73, 75; 40 CFR 50; and 40 CFR 63 Subparts A and CCCC; and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality permit on or before June 20, 2021.

To ensure compliance with state and federal air regulations, the permit is expected to include conditions that limit the emissions, hours of operation, production rate, and conditions that will require record keeping and reporting to the Department.

Due to the public health emergency order, certain NMED offices are closed to the public. The permit application is available for review on the AQB Public Notices of Permitting Actions website

## Attachment A – Legal Notice

[www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/public-notice-of-permitting-actions/](http://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/public-notice-of-permitting-actions/). For assistance with viewing this application contact Arianna Espinoza, at 505-476-4367 or [arianna.espinoza@state.nm.us](mailto:arianna.espinoza@state.nm.us).

All interested persons have thirty (30) days from the date this notice is published, to notify the Department in writing of their interest in the permit application. The written comments should refer to the company name, facility name and Permit No. (or send a copy of this notice along with your comments). The written comments shall state the nature of the issues raised and how it relates to the requirements of applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. The written comments should be email to [joseph.kimbrell@state.nm.us](mailto:joseph.kimbrell@state.nm.us) or mailed to Joseph Kimbrell, New Mexico Environment Dept., Air Quality Bureau, Permit Section, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816.

The Department will notify all persons, who have provided written comments as to when and where the Department's analysis may be reviewed. Although all written comments will be made part of the public record, any person who does not express interest in writing before the end of this first thirty (30) day period will not receive such notification.

If the Department receives written public comment before the end of the Department's thirty (30) day public notice, the Department's analysis will be made available for review for thirty (30) days at the NMED district or field office nearest to the source before the permit will be issued. Written comments on the analysis or permit application may be submitted to the Department during this second thirty (30) day period or at any time before the permit is issued or denied.

Questions or comments not intended to be part of the public record can be directed to Joseph Kimbrell at 505-476-4347. General information about air quality and the permitting process can be found at the Air Quality Bureau's web site. The regulation dealing with public participation in the permit review process is 20.2.72.206 NMAC. This regulation can be found in the "Permits" section of this web site. 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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